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2009 Spring Prospectus

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All-America Candidate

John Mackey Award Candidate

Rotary Lombardi Award Candidate

Nate Byham is one of the country's outstanding tight ends, capable of making big plays in the pass or run games. Last year Byham became the first Pitt tight end to be selected first team All-Big East Conference.



GREG ROMEUS

All-America Candidate

Bednarik Award Candidate

Bronko Nagurski Trophy Candidate

Ted Hendricks Award Candidate

Rotary Lombardi Award Candidate

Greg Romeus is one of college football's most disruptive defensive players. The Most Valuable Lineman of the 2008 Sun Bowl, Romeus compiled 15.5 tackles for loss, 7.5 quarterback sacks and three blocked kicks during his All-Big East sophomore season.



AARON BERRY

All-America Candidate

Jim Thorpe Award Candidate

Aaron Berry is poised for national accolades in 2009 after earning All-Big East Conference last year. Berry ranked second in the Big East in passes defended (13) and added three interceptions.

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2009 Schedule

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time
Sept. 5	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	TBA
Sept. 12	at Buffalo	TBA
Sept. 19	NAVY	TBA
Sept. 26	at NC State	TBA
Oct. 2 (Fri.)	at Louisville* (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
Oct. 10	CONNECTICUT*	TBA
Oct. 16 (Fri.)	at Rutgers* (ESPN)	8 p.m.
Oct. 24	USF*	TBA
Nov. 7	SYRACUSE*	TBA
Nov. 14	NOTRE DAME (ABC, ESPN or ESPN2)	TBA
Nov. 27 (Fri.)	at West Virginia* (ABC or ESPN)	TBA
Dec. 5	CINCINNATI* (ABC, ESPN or ESPN2)	TBA

**Big East game*

Due to television, TBA kickoff times will be announced at a later date.

2008 Results (9-4)

Date	Opponent (TV)	Result
Aug. 30	BOWLING GREEN (ESPNU)	L, 17-27
Sept. 6	BUFFALO	W, 27-16
Sept. 20	IOWA (ESPN2)	W, 21-20
Sept. 27	at Syracuse* (ESPN Reg.)	W, 34-24
Oct. 2 (Thurs.)	at USF* (ESPN)	W, 26-21
Oct. 18	at Navy (CBS CSN)	W, 42-21
Oct. 25	RUTGERS* (ESPN360)	L, 34-54
Nov. 1	at Notre Dame (NBC)	W, 36-33 (4OT)
Nov. 8	LOUISVILLE* (ESPN Reg.)	W, 41-7
Nov. 22	at Cincinnati* (ESPN2)	L, 21-28
Nov. 28 (Fri.)	WEST VIRGINIA* (ABC)	W, 19-15
Dec. 6	at Connecticut* (ESPN)	W, 34-10
Dec. 31	vs. Oregon State# (CBS)	L, 0-3

** Big East game*

Brut Sun Bowl



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SPRING MEDIA INFORMATION

Spring Practice Coverage Policies

Spring Itinerary:

Spring drills are scheduled to run from March 19 through April 11. Coach Dave Wannstedt has scheduled 15 practice sessions. The Annual Blue-Gold Game is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, at Heinz Field. All spring practices are open to the media.

Interviews:

All interviews must be arranged through the media relations office. Post-practice interviews are coordinated through media relations personnel covering that respective day's workout. Requests for lengthier sit-down interviews should be made at least 24 hours in advance. Please note the following interview opportunities:

Opening Spring Practice:

Pitt will open spring drills with a 2:45 p.m. practice on March 19. Coach Dave Wannstedt will address the media at the conclusion of the workout (approximately 4:45 p.m.). Requested players and assistant coaches will also be available for interviews.

Regular Coach Wannstedt Press Briefings:

With the exception of the opening workout, Coach Wannstedt will hold a press briefing on the field before each practice on weekdays. For Friday, Saturday and Sunday practices, he will participate in interviews at the conclusion of the workout.

Player and Assistant Coach Interviews:

Players and assistant coaches will do interviews at the conclusion of each workout.

Photographers:

Video and still photographers are free to shoot Pitt's entire practice during the spring. (Sidelines only). Please contact the media relations staff for any special photo or video requests.

Pitt Coaching & Support Staff

HEAD COACH:

Dave Wannstedt, head coach

ASSISTANT COACHES:

Greg Gattuso, assistant head coach/defensive line
Frank Cignetti, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks
Phil Bennett, defensive coordinator
Brian Angelichio, tight ends
Bryan Bossard, wide receivers
Jeff Hafley, secondary
Joe Tumpkin, linebackers
David Walker, running backs
Tony Wise, offensive line

FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION:

Chris LaSala, assistant athletic director/football operations
Mike Antonoplos, assistant director of football operations
Bob Junko, director of football relations & program enhancement

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING:

Buddy Morris, head strength & conditioning coach
James Smith, assistant coach of physical preparation
Chad Lee, assistant strength & conditioning coach

TRAINING STAFF:

Rob Blanc, head athletic trainer
Tim Dunlavey, assistant athletic trainer
Doug Zaruta, athletic trainer graduate assistant

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS:

Scott Turner, offensive graduate assistant
Rod Rutherford, defensive graduate assistant

2009 Pitt Quick Facts

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Enrollment: 33,574

Founded: 1787

Conference: Big East Conference

Nickname: Panthers

Colors: Blue and Gold

Chancellor: Mark A. Nordenberg

Athletic Director: Steve Pederson

2008 Overall Record: 9-4

2008 Big East Record (place): 5-2 (T-2nd)

Home Stadium: Heinz Field (65,050/grass)

Press Box: (412) 697-7198

Head Coach: Dave Wannstedt

Alma Mater: Pittsburgh (B.S. 1974, M.Ed. 1976)

Record at Pitt: 25-23 (fifth season)

Overall Collegiate Record: same

Starters Returning: 14 (7 offense, 7 defense, 0 specialists)

Starters Lost: 10 (4 offense, 4 defense, 2 specialists)

Lettermen Returning: 51 (20 offense, 30 defense, 1 specialist)

Lettermen Lost: 20 (10 offense, 7 defense, 3 specialists)

Offensive System: Pro Style

Defensive System: 4-3

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SPRING PRACTICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 March	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Pitt Pro Timing Day	18	19 PRACTICE #1 2:45 p.m.	20 PRACTICE #2 4:15 p.m.	21 PRACTICE #3 10:30 a.m.
22 PRACTICE #4 10:30 a.m.	23	24 PRACTICE #5 2:45 p.m.	25	26 PRACTICE #6 2:45 p.m.	27 PRACTICE #7 4:15 p.m.	28 PRACTICE #8 1:15 p.m.
29	30	31 PRACTICE #9 2:45 p.m.				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April			1	2 PRACTICE #10 2:45 p.m.	3 PRACTICE #11 4:15 p.m.	4 PRACTICE #12 10:30 a.m.
5	6	7 PRACTICE #13 2:45 p.m.	8	9 PRACTICE #14 2:45 p.m.	10	11 PRACTICE #15 Spring Game 2 p.m. Heinz Field
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Easter</i>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						<i>NFL Draft</i>
26	27	28	29	30		
<i>NFL Draft</i>						

*Practice dates and times are subject to change.
All practices are held at the UPMC Sports Performance Complex.
The 2009 Blue-Gold Game will be held at Heinz Field*

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POSITIONAL BREAKDOWN

THE OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

WHO'S BACK: Senior **Bill Stull** was Pitt's starter in 2008, completing 57% of his passes (188 of 330) for 2,356 yards with nine touchdowns and 10 interceptions. He was part of four come-from-behind victories in the final quarter, including what might have been his finest outing, a nationally televised Thursday night win at No. 10 USF when Stull threw for 228 yards (16-of-27 passing) and a TD with no interceptions.

Junior **Pat Bostick** was the primary backup last season, appearing in six games and making one start when Stull was out due to injury (a 36-33 four-overtime victory at Notre Dame). Bostick completed 22-of-41 passes for 270 yards with one TD and four interceptions on the year. He made eight starts as a true freshman in 2007. **Tino Sunseri** enters his first active season after redshirting as a true freshman. Sunseri was an all-state performer at nearby Pittsburgh Central Catholic as a high school senior. Sophomore walk-on **Andrew Janocko** also returns.

WHO'S GONE: Greg Cross, who appeared in two games in specialized packages last season, will move to wide receiver for his senior year.

NOTABLE: Pitt signal callers will be under the tutelage of new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Frank Cignetti, a 20-year coaching veteran who held similar posts at Cal, North Carolina and Fresno State.

RUNNING BACK

WHO'S BACK: One of the most watched position battles of the off-season figures to be at Pitt's tailback spot, where LeSean McCoy starred the past two seasons before departing for the NFL.

Competition in the spring will include redshirt freshman **Chris Burns**, junior **Kevin Collier**, sophomore **Shariff Harris** and freshman **Dion Lewis**, a December high school graduate (New Jersey's Blair Academy) who enrolled at Pitt in January. Only Collier and Harris have carried the ball on the collegiate level.

Sophomore **Henry Hynoski** will look to elevate into the starting fullback role after lettering as a reserve last season. Also vying for time will be sophomore **Brandon Lindsey**, who lettered at linebacker last year, and junior walk-on **Joe Capp**, a transfer from Texas Tech in his first active season at Pitt.

WHO'S GONE: LeSean McCoy will go down as one of Pitt's all-time best after rushing for 2,816 yards and scoring 36 touchdowns in two collegiate seasons. The unanimous All-Big East selection was the nation's second-leading scorer last year (9.69 points/game) and ranked 10th in rushing (114.46 yards/game). Also gone is dependable LaRod Stephens-Howling, a productive complement to McCoy, and Conredge Collins, a three-year starter at fullback.

NOTABLE: LeSean McCoy is the first Pitt tailback to declare early for the NFL Draft since Curtis Martin in 1995.

WIDE RECEIVERS

WHO'S BACK: The top two producers at split end last year are back in sophomore **Jonathan Baldwin** and senior **Oderick Turner**, both big targets who can go up and get the ball in traffic. Baldwin averaged a team-best 22.4 yards per catch (18 rec. for 404 yards) and tied for the team lead with three receiving touchdowns. Turner had 21 catches for 298 yards (14.2 avg.) and one TD. Sophomore **Aaron Smith** and redshirt freshman **Mike Shanahan** will push for time at this spot. Redshirt frosh **Caleb Wilson** is also in the mix at split end.

Competition for the starting flanker job will revolve around a trio of returning lettermen, including seniors **T.J. Porter** and **Cedric McGee** as



Tackle Jason Pinkston is part of an offensive line that figures to be a major strength for Pitt in 2009.

well as sophomore **Aundre Wright**. Porter (25 rec., 357 yards) might be the receiving corps most explosive athlete, while McGee (23 rec., 201 yards) has been lauded as the unit's toughest and most dependable performer. Wright distinguished himself on special teams last year and also earned increased time in multiple-receiver packages. Additionally, redshirt freshman **Cameron Saddler** will battle for time at flanker. New to the receiving corps will be senior **Greg Cross**, who played quarterback as a first-year junior-college transfer last season. The athletic Cross will work at both receiver positions this spring.

WHO'S GONE: Derek Kinder, a past All-Big East honoree, finished his career as one of the most productive receivers ever at Pitt, ranking in the top 10 in all-time receptions (131) and receiving yards (1,646).

NOTABLE: As a true freshman last year, Jonathan Baldwin was responsible for two of the top three longest touchdown receptions by the Panthers, a 60-yard touchdown catch at Navy and 52-yard score at USF. (Senior Derek Kinder had the longest scoring catch of the year, a 61-yarder at Connecticut.)

TIGHT ENDS

WHO'S BACK: Pitt boasts a deep and experienced group at tight end with the return of three senior lettermen. **Nate Byham** returns as one of the country's best at the position after earning first team All-Big East last year. Byham led Pitt's tight ends with 20 catches for 260 yards (13.0 avg.) and a TD. **John Pelusi** (five rec., 37 yards) is a tough blocker with good hands, while the athletic **Dorin Dickerson** (13 rec., 174 yards and two TDs) is capable of stretching the field like a wide receiver. Additionally, **Mike Cruz** and **Justin Virbitsky** enter their first active seasons following freshman redshirts.

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WHO'S GONE: Pitt returns each of its tight ends from last season.

NOTABLE: Nate Byham is the first Pitt tight end to earn first-team All-Big East honors and just the third to be honored on the all-conference team overall. The Panthers' last honoree at tight end was Kris Wilson, a second-team pick, in 2003.

OFFENSIVE LINE

WHO'S BACK: Four starters return on the offensive line, making this one of Pitt's most promising units.

The tackle spots will again be manned by junior **Jason Pinkston** on the left side and senior **Joe Thomas** on the right. Pinkston enters his second year as a starter, while Thomas has 27 career starts on Pitt's offensive front.

Senior **John Malecki** enters his second season as the starter at right guard after making a highly successful transition last year from defensive tackle. Also back is senior center **Robb Houser**, who started the season's first seven games before suffering a season-ending ankle fracture.

Leading candidates to fill the vacant left guard spot are sophomores **Chris Jacobson** and **Greg Gaskins**. Vying to provide depth at right guard are junior **Jared Martin** and redshirt freshman **Ryan Turnley**. Senior walk-on **Josh Novotny** will also take reps at guard.

Junior letterman **Alex Karabin** will push for time at center behind Houser. Sophomore **Wayne Jones** will also look to be a factor at this position.

Promising sophomore **Lucas Nix**, who lettered as a true frosh last year, will provide strong competition and depth at tackle. Also challenging for time at the tackle spots will be sophomores **Jordan Gibbs**, **Dan Matha** and **John Fieger**.

WHO'S GONE: All-Big East performer C.J. Davis was a four-year fixture on Pitt's offensive line, making 43 consecutive starts. In addition to durability, Davis also provided versatility, moving from left guard to center for the final six contests of the 2008 season when injuries struck. Dom Williams, who emerged as a starter at guard with Davis' switch, has also departed.

NOTABLE: Pitt's offensive line helped departed tailback LeSean McCoy produce back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons in 2007 and '08. The last time the Panthers had a 1,000-yard rusher in consecutive years was 1993-94.

THE DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

WHO'S BACK: This is Pitt's deepest and perhaps most talented defensive front in recent memory.

The Panthers' defensive end tandem of juniors **Greg Romeus** and **Jabaal Sheard** should receive consideration as one of the nation's best. Romeus was an All-Big East pick after compiling 51 tackles, 15.5 TFLs and a team-high 7.5 sacks. He additionally blocked three extra points. Sheard was extremely productive as well last season with 45 tackles, 10.5 TFLs and 5.5 sacks. An exceptional pass rusher, he had a team-high 11 QB hurries and deflected seven passes.

Pitt boasts excellent depth behind its standout ends. Junior **Tyler Tkach** and sophomore **Tony Tucker** have both lettered in primary reserve roles. Also providing depth is sophomore letterman **Justin Hargrove** and redshirt freshman **Shayne Hale**. Senior **Doug Fulmer** will seek a healthy return to active duty after missing the past two seasons due to injuries.

The Panthers are equally strong on the interior with a pair of seniors anchoring the starting spots. **Mick Williams** is a returning starter at defensive tackle, while **Gus Mustakas** mans the nose tackle position. Compet-



Jabaal Sheard helps form one of the finest defensive end tandems in the country.

ing behind Williams are senior lettermen **Craig Bokor** and **Tommie Duhart**. Pushing for time at the nose will be sophomores **Myles Caragein**, who saw significant action as a backup last year, and **Chas Alecxih**. Two walk-ons, senior **Derrell Jones** and redshirt frosh **Keith Coleman**, are also in the tackle mix.

WHO'S GONE: Rashaad Duncan, Pitt's Most Valuable Defensive Line-man, was a three-year starter at nose tackle.

NOTABLE: Greg Romeus concluded his all-star sophomore campaign by being selected the Sun Bowl's Most Valuable Lineman. Romeus had four tackles, two quarterback sacks (for minus 20 yards) and another QB hurry in helping to limit Oregon State to just three points.

LINEBACKERS

WHO'S BACK: This unit will need the most retooling with the loss of two highly productive starters.

The biggest hole is in the middle, where All-America Scott McKillop must be replaced. Potential candidates include senior **Steve Dell** and redshirt freshman **Joe Trebitz**. Dell boasts the most experience, having earned three letters as a reserve at both the Mike and Sam positions.

Pitt must also fill a vacancy at Will linebacker. Senior **Shane Murray** was a starter at this position in 2007 before being sidelined for all but one game last year with a knee injury. Expected to make a healthy return, Murray has the skills and smarts to also contribute at middle linebacker. With Murray's possible switch, look for the Will competition to revolve around sophomore lettermen **Max Gruder** and **Tristan Roberts** and redshirt freshman **Manny Williams**.

The linebacker unit's lone returning starter is sophomore **Greg Williams**, who had a solid debut season at the Sam. Williams, a converted tailback, took over the starting role in the second game of the year for injured senior **Adam Gunn** (neck) and went on to compile 47 tackles, 6.5 TFLs and 3.5 sacks. He additionally had two interceptions, including one returned for a TD. Pitt received good news just prior to spring drills when Gunn was granted a sixth year by the NCAA. A starter at Sam in 2007, Gunn could contribute at middle linebacker as well this year. Junior letterman **Nate Nix** will push for time behind Williams. Also competing at the Sam is redshirt freshman **Jonathan Taglianetti**.

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WHO'S GONE: Pitt loses its top two tacklers from a year ago in middle linebacker Scott McKillop and Will linebacker Austin Ransom. The highly decorated McKillop was one of the country's most productive defenders his final two years, leading the country in total tackles in 2007 (12.6 avg.) and ranking third in solo stops last year (6.31 avg.).

NOTABLE: Pitt boasts two first-team All-America linebackers in the past three years. Scott McKillop (2008) and H.B. Blades (2006) were both named to the Football Writers All-America Team and selected the Big East Defensive Player of the Year following their senior seasons.

SECONDARY

WHO'S BACK: The Pitt secondary returns virtually intact. Three cornerbacks with starting experience return, including senior **Aaron Berry**, an All-Big East performer last year. From his field corner spot, Berry had a team-high 10 pass breakups and was second with three interceptions. He could be poised for national accolades this year.

Senior **Jovani Chappel** returns as the starting boundary corner. Chappel made one of the biggest plays of the 2008 season when he intercepted West Virginia's Pat White, leading to two Panther touchdowns in the final eight minutes in a 19-15 Pitt victory.

Junior **Ricky Gary** gives the secondary excellent versatility with starting experience at both corner positions.

Other returning lettermen at cornerback include sophomores **Antwuan Reed** and **Buddy Jackson**. Both will work at boundary corner. **Jarred Holley** enters his first active season following a freshman redshirt and will vie for time behind Berry at the field spot.

Also back is senior walk-on **Dan Cafaro**, a special teams letterman last year, and redshirt freshman walk-on **Jeremiah Davis**.

Junior **Dom DeCicco** returns as the starter at strong safety. DeCicco led the team with four interceptions and tied for second with seven PBUs. He also was strong in run defense, collecting 56 tackles. Providing depth behind DeCicco will be redshirt freshmen **Marco Pecora** and **Ronald Hobby**.

Junior **Elijah Fields** is a leading candidate to earn the starting free safety job. Fields saw prominent time at the strong spot last year to letter. He will be pushed by senior **Irvan Brown** and sophomore **Andrew Taglianetti**. Brown is a three-year letterman, while Taglianetti distinguished himself as a true frosh by blocking three punts and seeing time in specialized secondary packages. Redshirt freshman walk-on **Justin Edwards** is also in the mix at free.

WHO'S GONE: Eric Thatcher, who finished his career with 25 consecutive starts at free safety, was lost to graduation.

NOTABLE: Pitt intercepted 16 passes in 2008, the second-highest total for the Panthers since 1996. Only the Panthers' 2004 Fiesta Bowl team had more picks (17) during that span.



Safety Elijah Fields (4) and linebacker Greg Williams (38) will be two key performers for the Panthers' defense in 2009.

THE SPECIALISTS

WHO'S BACK: Pitt will be breaking in two new specialists at placekicker and punter this year.

Candidates at placekicker include redshirt freshman **Kevin Harper**, junior **Dan Hutchins** and junior **Luke Briggs**, who lettered as a kickoff specialist last year. Harper will be a closely watched prospect following his redshirt year. He was considered one of the country's top 10 kickers coming out of high school.

In addition to vying for the kicking duties, Hutchins could also surface as Pitt's starting punter. Contributing as a backup last year, he averaged 41 yards on two punts with a long of 47. Redshirt freshmen **Aaron Hassett** and **Pat Costello** will also compete at punter.

The Panthers also return their top return men this year. **T.J. Porter** averaged a Big East-best 11.5 yards per punt return last season, while **Aundre Wright** averaged 21 yards as Pitt's primary kickoff returner.

WHO'S GONE: Conor Lee graduated as the most accurate placekicker in Pitt history, converting 83% of his field goals and 100% of his PATs during his career. The first-team All-Big East performer handled every placement for the Panthers during the past three seasons. Also gone is Dave Brytus, a two-year starter at punter.

NOTABLE: Pitt led the country with a school-record 10 blocked kicks last year. Defensive end Greg Romeus and defensive back Andrew Taglianetti led the Panthers with three blocks each.

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RETURNING PERSONNEL

■ OFFENSE (20)

Wide Receiver (5): ODERICK TURNER***, Cedric McGee***, T.J. Porter***, Jonathan Baldwin*, Aundre Wright*

Tackle (3): JOE THOMAS***, JASON PINKSTON**, Lucas Nix*

Guard (1): JOHN MALECKI***

Center (2): ROBB HOUSER*, Alex Karabin*

Tight End (3): NATE BYHAM***, Dorin Dickerson***, John Pelusi***

Quarterback (3): BILL STULL**, Pat Bostick**, Andrew Janocko*

Tailback (2): Kevin Collier*, Shariff Harris*

Fullback (1): Henry Hynoski*

■ DEFENSE (30)

End (6): GREG ROMEUS**, JABAAL SHEARD**, Tyler Tkach**, Doug Fulmer*, Justin Hargrove*, Tony Tucker*

Tackle (6): MICK WILLIAMS**, Gus Mustakas***, Tommie Duhart**, Chas Alecxih*, Craig Bokor*, Myles Caragein*

Linebacker (8): GREG WILLIAMS*, Adam Gunn***, Steve Dell***, Shane Murray**, Nate Nix**, Max Gruder*, Brandon Lindsey*, Tristan Roberts*

Strong Safety (2): DOM DECICCO**, Elijah Fields**

Free Safety (2): Irvan Brown***, Andrew Taglianetti*

Cornerback (6): AARON BERRY***, JOVANI CHAPPEL***, Ricky Gary**, Dan Cafaro*, Buddy Jackson*, Antwuan Reed*

■ SPECIALISTS (1)

Kicker (1): Luke Briggs*

Punter (0):

Long Snapper (0):

PERSONNEL LOST

■ OFFENSE (10)

Wide Receiver (1): DEREK KINDER****

Tackle (2): Chase Clowser****, Frank Kochin***

Guard (3): C.J. DAVIS****, Dominic Williams****, John Bachman***

Center (0):

Tight End (0):

Quarterback (1): Kevan Smith*

Tailback (2): LESEAN MCCOY**, LaRod Stephens-Howling****

Fullback (1): CONREDGE COLLINS****

■ DEFENSE (7)

End (0):

Tackle (1): RASHAAD DUNCAN****

Linebacker (3): SCOTT MCKILLOP****, AUSTIN RANSOM***, Brian Kaiser**

Strong Safety (0):

Free Safety (3): ERIC THATCHER****, Mike Toerper***, Scott Shrake*

Cornerback (0):

■ SPECIALISTS (3)

Kicker (1): CONOR LEE***

Punter (1): DAVE BRYTUS**

Long Snapper (1): Mark Estermyer****

Lettermen Returning: 51

Starters Returning: 14

20 Offense (7 starters)

30 Defense (7 starters)

1 Specialist (0 starters)

Lettermen Lost: 20

Starters Lost: 10

10 Offense (4 starters)

7 Defense (4 starters)

3 Specialists (2 starters)

NOTE: Players are listed under 2008 positions. This listing does not reflect any position changes for the 2009 season.

CAPS indicate 2008 starters

* indicates letters earned

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FINAL 2008 PITT TWO-DEEP

The following lists Pitt's final depth chart of the 2008 season. The class listing for each player indicates athletic eligibility at the start of the 2008 season. An asterisk after a player's class denotes redshirt year. Names listed in *italics* indicate those players who will not be returning in 2009.

OFFENSE

SPLIT END

- 88 **ODERICK TURNER (6-3, 205, JR*)**
82 Jonathan Baldwin (6-5, 220, FR)

LEFT TACKLE

- 77 **JASON PINKSTON (6-4, 300, SO*)**
72 Chase Clowser (6-7, 330, SR*)

LEFT GUARD

- 70 **DOMINIC WILLIAMS (6-4, 305, SR*)**
62 John Bachman (6-4, 280, JR*)

CENTER

- 55 **C.J. DAVIS (6-3, 310, SR)**
53 Alex Karabin (6-1, 290, SO*)

RIGHT GUARD

- 74 **JOHN MALECKI (6-3, 280, JR)**
54 Chris Jacobson (6-3, 290, FR*)

RIGHT TACKLE

- 56 **JOE THOMAS (6-5, 300, JR)**
52 Lucas Nix (6-6, 300, FR)

TIGHT END

- 80 **NATE BYHAM (6-3, 255, JR) OR**
2 **DORIN DICKERSON (6-2, 230, JR) OR**
83 **JOHN PELUSI (6-3, 260, JR*)**

QUARTERBACK

- 11 **BILL STULL (6-3, 215, JR*)**
19 Pat Bostick (6-3, 220, SO)
12 Kevan Smith (6-3, 225, SO*) or
14 Greg Cross (6-2, 210, JR)

TAILBACK

- 25 **LeSEAN McCOY (5-11, 210, SO)**
34 LaRod Stephens-Howling (5-7, 180, SR)

FULLBACK

- 30 **CONREDGE COLLINS (6-0, 230, SR)**
27 Henry Hynoski (6-2, 250, FR*)

FLANKER

- 81 **DEREK KINDER (6-1, 210, SR*)**
1 Cedric McGee (6-1, 205, JR*) or
9 T.J. Porter (6-1, 195, JR)

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE END

- 97 **JABAAL SHEARD (6-4, 250, SO)**
45 Tyler Tkach (6-3, 265, SO*)

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

- 95 **MICK WILLIAMS (6-1, 285, JR*)**
94 Myles Caragein (6-2, 275, FR*)

NOSE TACKLE

- 50 **RASHAAD DUNCAN (6-2, 295, SR)**
93 Gus Mustakas (6-3, 280, JR*)

DEFENSIVE END

- 91 **GREG ROMEUS (6-5, 265, SO*)**
90 Tony Tucker (6-2, 235, FR*)

SAM LINEBACKER

- 38 **GREG WILLIAMS (6-3, 225, FR*)**
44 Nate Nix (6-3, 235, SO*) or
49 Max Gruder (6-2, 235, FR*)

MIDDLE LINEBACKER

- 40 **SCOTT McKILLOP (6-2, 240, SR*)**
6 Steve Dell (6-1, 235, JR*)

WILL LINEBACKER

- 86 **AUSTIN RANSOM (5-11, 215, SR*)**
32 Tristan Roberts (6-0, 230, FR*)

BOUNDARY CORNERBACK

- 7 **JOVANI CHAPPEL (5-9, 180, JR) OR**
26 **RICKY GARY (5-9, 175, SO*)**

FREE SAFETY

- 28 **ERIC THATCHER (5-9, 195, SR*)**
20 Irvan Brown (6-0, 205, JR*) or
41 Andrew Taglianetti (5-11, 175, FR)

STRONG SAFETY

- 31 **DOM DeCICCO (6-3, 220, SO)**
4 Elijah Fields (6-2, 220, SO*)

FIELD CORNERBACK

- 17 **AARON BERRY (5-11, 175, JR)**
22 Antwuan Reed (5-10, 180, FR)

SPECIALISTS

PUNTER

- 18 **DAVE BRYTUS (6-4, 230, SR*)**
31 Dan Hutchins (5-11, 190, SO*)

PLACEKICKER

- 37 **CONOR LEE (5-11, 200, SR*)**
31 Dan Hutchins (5-11, 190, SO*)

HOLDER

- 4 **ANDREW JANOCKO (6-1, 200, FR*)**
18 Dave Brytus (6-4, 230, SR*)

LONG SNAPPER

- 59 **MARK ESTERMYER (6-2, 245, SR*)**
40 Scott McKillop (6-2, 240, SR*)

PUNT RETURNER

- 9 **T.J. PORTER (6-1, 195, JR)**
17 Aaron Berry (5-11, 175, JR)

KICKOFF RETURNER

- 34 **LaROD STEPHENS-HOWLING (5-7, 180, SR)**
10 **AUNDRE WRIGHT (5-11, 180, FR*)**
3 Aaron Smith (6-0, 180, FR*)

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HEAD COACH DAVE WANNSTEDT



The 2008 season served notice that Dave Wannstedt's Pitt football program is on the rise.

Using a blueprint Wannstedt began cultivating four years ago upon taking over as head coach of his alma mater, the Panthers ascended to a 9-3 regular-season mark and second-place finish in the Big East Conference. The reward was a trip back to the postseason as Pitt received an invite to El Paso for the 2008 Sun Bowl.

All indications are that last season's success is just the beginning. With Wannstedt's recent string of strong recruiting classes, and the infusion of a winning culture at Pitt, the Panthers will look to take another significant step this year.

Winning football and postseason berths are nothing new to Wannstedt. The 34-year coaching veteran has been part of 11 bowl teams as a collegiate coach, including two undefeated national champions — the 1976 Pitt Panthers and 1987 Miami Hurricanes.

On the professional level, Wannstedt was part of six NFL playoff teams and a Super Bowl champion (the 1992 Dallas Cowboys).

Although his professional travels have taken him all over the country, Wannstedt has always considered Pittsburgh his home.

When Wannstedt speaks about Pitt and Pittsburgh, there is an unmistakable strength of conviction. He owns not one but two degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a living, breathing example of a Pitt education and Pitt football.

"There might be no other coach in the country who knows the very soil beneath him better than 'Wanny,'" CBS Sportsline.com senior writer Dennis Dodd said. "Wannstedt's blood and sweat literally stain the grass at his alma mater."

"I wouldn't want to do this job anywhere else," Wannstedt said. "I love Pitt and I love the

city of Pittsburgh."

The scene outside of Wannstedt's office windows in the Pitt football practice facility provides a view that is uniquely Pittsburgh and totally fitting for the Panthers' head coach.

The immediate view is to the east, where in the foreground the Panthers' lush grass practice fields capture the eye.

Just beyond the green fields sit steel mills, a reminder of the city's industrial heritage and, for decades, the economic lifeblood of the region.

A gaze back to the west and one can soak in Pittsburgh's breathtaking skyline. The skyscrapers now symbolize the "new Pittsburgh," the former steel city that has evolved into a thriving center for corporations, medicine and higher education.

Although he spent most of the last three decades residing outside of Pittsburgh, these views still remain familiar and comforting for Wannstedt.

He, too, once worked during the summers in the mills that inhabited a stretch of land located off Pittsburgh's Second Avenue. Wannstedt would labor alongside his father, Frank, and then head to old Pitt Stadium to pump a different kind of iron in the Panthers' weight room in preparation for the upcoming season.

Each of these scenes — the football fields, steel mills and the city — are embedded in Wannstedt. "Pittsburgh never really left me," he said. "It's always been a special place in my heart."

That is why, more than 30 years after captaining the Panthers' 1973 Fiesta Bowl team, Wannstedt was the perfect choice to lead the University of Pittsburgh's football program. He was named Pitt's 34th head coach on December 23, 2004.

A rugged offensive tackle for the Panthers from 1970-73, Wannstedt returned to his alma mater with three decades of highly accomplished coaching experience on the collegiate level and in the National Football League. His career has produced three championship rings, including a Super Bowl title and two national collegiate championships.

These days, Wannstedt only wears his Pitt 1976 national championship ring. "Our players and prospects should know that I was part of the greatest team Pitt ever had," he said. "I take pride in that."

"This opportunity is something I have dreamed about since my early coaching days at Pitt," said Wannstedt, who is a native of Baldwin, Pa.

Wannstedt is the ninth graduate of the school to lead the Panthers' football program.

A "Pitt Man" through and through, Wannstedt has served as a bridge to the program's past

— the visits by former players and alumni have reached unprecedented levels — as he is driving the Panthers strongly into the future.

"Dave is a Pitt guy," said Mike Ditka, an All-America end for the Panthers before he went on to a Hall of Fame playing and coaching career in the NFL. "Dave has a commitment to this university. The excitement created since Dave came back probably hasn't happened in, what, 20 years? Dave is the right guy to lead this program. He's a young guy with a lot of enthusiasm and he's really proud to be a Pittsburgh guy."

In 2006, Wannstedt and his wife Jan gave a \$250,000 gift to the University of Pittsburgh to endow a football scholarship.

"As a high school senior growing up in Baldwin, I was provided with the life-changing opportunity to receive an outstanding education and play major-college football due to a scholarship," Wannstedt said. "We want to be able to help provide those same opportunities for both current and future generations of student-athletes."

Wannstedt's passion and conviction have created a buzz about Pitt football in Western Pennsylvania and beyond. Not content to stay in Pitt's traditional backyard, Wannstedt embarks on annual tours of alumni functions and high schools throughout the commonwealth. The Panther boss causes quite a stir while meeting and greeting coaches, principals, high school superintendents, Pitt grads and future Pitt grads.

"The reception we've received has been overwhelming," Wannstedt said of his travels. "I have received nothing but the utmost respect from the coaches, players and administrators at all of the schools that we've visited. It's a tremendous feeling. I'm excited because I'm selling something I believe in — the University of Pittsburgh."

"I think people sense my enthusiasm and hopefully that makes them want to become a part of something special that we are building at Pitt."

Wannstedt rejoined the college ranks after spending the prior 16 years in the NFL. Eleven of those years were as a head coach, including six with the Chicago Bears (1993-98) and five with the Miami Dolphins (2000-04). Including 2005-08, his 18 years of collegiate coaching experience include 12 winning campaigns and a 137-71-4 record.

It all began, though, in Pittsburgh, where first he was a star at Baldwin High and later played a key role in Pitt football's resurgence in the 1970s.

"Dave was such a leader," said Jim Gillooly, his high school football coach. "Dave would scramble up the side of the hill on all fours, in the weeds and the brush, to get in shape. He

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made a big W-A-N-N in the side of the hill. That became part of our drill, the Wannstedt Drill. Even after Dave was gone.”

Wannstedt was a three-sport star for Baldwin in football, basketball and track and field. He earned all-state in football and played in the prestigious Big 33 Classic all-star game. Wannstedt captained both the Highlanders’ football and basketball squads before graduating in 1970.

Earning a scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh, he played on the freshman team during the ’70 season (freshmen were then not eligible for varsity competition) and earned a starting job as just a sophomore.

John Majors took over as head coach at Pitt for Wannstedt’s senior year and led the team to a 6-4-1 regular season and Fiesta Bowl berth. The ’73 campaign was the launching pad for Pitt’s juggernaut success the rest of the decade that included a 55-15-1 mark (.782), a national championship and five bowls over the next six years. Wannstedt was one of the ’73 team’s unsung heroes, providing tough blocking from his left tackle spot. His efforts helped a young back named Tony Dorsett rush for 1,686 yards.

Although he was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the 1974 draft, a neck injury cut short Wannstedt’s pro aspirations. He returned to Pitt and started his coaching career as a graduate assistant under Majors in 1975 and 1976.

“I knew he had big things ahead of him,” Majors said. “You could see it and sense it. He was self-motivated and tough. He was fierce, and everyone around him respected him. He did things the right way, with hard work and dedication. I never had to worry about him. I also saw other players watching how he conducted himself and gravitating to him. That’s why he is a great football coach — people see how much the game means to him, how hard he works.”

When Majors departed following the undefeated ’76 national title season, Wannstedt served under Jackie Sherrill at Pitt in 1977 and 1978, coaching receivers and special teams.

His four years on the Panthers’ staff witnessed three Top 15 national rankings, a combined 37-10-1 record (.781) and bowl invites each season. “You knew he had the talent to be a coach,” Sherrill said. “Just the way he handled himself, the confidence he had, the way he handled other players.”



The talent evident at Pitt launched Wannstedt into a coaching career that took him from his hometown to destinations all over the country, including a pair of NFL head coaching jobs.

During Wannstedt’s head coaching tenure with the Dolphins, Miami was one of just three NFL teams from 2000-03 to record nine or more victories each year.

The Dolphins’ 41-23 mark during that span tied for the club’s best four-year record in nearly 20 seasons. Miami captured the AFC East Division championship in 2000 with an 11-5 record.

The Dolphins’ defense that season ranked third in the NFL in points allowed (a franchise-low 226 points) and led the league with 28 interceptions. He joined the Dolphins in 1999 as assistant head coach under Jimmy Johnson.

Johnson, now an NFL analyst with FOX, and Wannstedt first teamed up together at Pitt. (Johnson was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator under Sherrill before moving on as head coach at Oklahoma State.) The pair became fast friends at Pittsburgh and Johnson ultimately would tap Wannstedt as a top lieutenant at four stops, including Oklahoma State, the University of Miami, the Dallas Cow-

boys and with the Dolphins.

Wannstedt concluded his Chicago Bears tenure as the third-winningest coach in the franchise’s history with 41 victories. In 1994 he was named the NFC Coach of the Year by UPI and *Football News* after directing Chicago back to the playoffs following a three-year hiatus.

Wannstedt additionally was among the top three finishers for NFL Coach of the Year honors that season by The Associated Press, Pro Football Writers, *The Sporting News*, *Pro Football Weekly* and *Football Digest*. The Bears were the NFL’s least-penalized team for two consecutive seasons (1994-95) under his watch.

From 1989-92, Wannstedt was part of a dramatic revitalization of the Dallas Cowboys as defensive coordinator and, in his final season, assistant head coach. His tenure witnessed Dallas’ transformation from

a 1-15 team to Super Bowl champions in just three years. Wannstedt’s 1992 defense was the NFL’s youngest but went on to lead the league in total defense, allowing just 245.7 yards per game. The ’92 season was punctuated with the Cowboys’ 52-17 demolition of Buffalo in Super Bowl XXVII as his defense forced nine turnovers. In 1990, Wannstedt’s role in Dallas’ revival earned him NFL Assistant Coach of the Year honors.

Prior to Dallas, Wannstedt spent three years as the defensive coordinator of the Miami Hurricanes. From 1986-88, Miami went 34-2 (.944) and won the 1987 national championship with a 12-0 record. During his tenure, the Hurricanes held opponents to just 2.2 yards per rush, gave up only 10.9 points per game and averaged 48 sacks per year. Wannstedt’s defenses produced 11 NFL draft selections, including five taken in the initial two rounds.

Wannstedt’s other collegiate stops included Southern California (1983-85) and Oklahoma State (1979-82). As defensive line coach at USC, he helped the Trojans capture the 1984 Pacific-10 championship and a subsequent 20-17 win over Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Wannstedt was also the defensive line coach at Oklahoma

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State his initial three years before elevating to defensive coordinator in 1982.

Wannstedt is a 1974 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He also earned his master's from Pitt in 1976. The Pitt Varsity Letter Club in 1999 named him an Awardee of Distinction for his professional and personal accomplishments following his graduation from the university. In 1990 Wannstedt was inducted into the Western Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, becoming the youngest person to receive the honor.

Wannstedt and his wife Jan have two daughters, Keri and Jami, and a grandson. Keri and her husband Mike Drew welcomed a son, Connor David, on Sept. 28, 2007.



COACHING EXPERIENCE & HIGHLIGHTS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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FAMILY Wannstedt and his wife Jan have two daughters, Keri and Jami. Keri and her husband Mike Drew gave the Wannstedts their first grandchild, Connor David Drew, on Sept. 28, 2007.



COLLEGE PITTSBURGH

YEARS/POSITION: 1975-76, graduate assistant; 1977-78, receivers and special teams.

HIGHLIGHTS: Pitt advances to bowl games each season of his four-year tenure, winning three...finishes in the nation's Top 15 three times and the Top 10 twice...Pitt wins the 1976 national championship with a 12-0 record...Panthers' compile 37-10-1 four-year mark (.781).

OKLAHOMA STATE

YEARS/POSITION: 1979-81, defensive line; 1982, defensive coordinator.

HIGHLIGHTS: Helped OSU earn its first bowl invite in five years (1981 Independence Bowl).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

YEARS/POSITION: 1983-85, defensive line.

HIGHLIGHTS: USC earned two bowl berths...Trojans finish in the Top 10 in 1984 following a 9-3 record and Rose Bowl victory over Ohio State (20-17).

MIAMI

YEARS/POSITION: 1986-88, defensive coordinator.

HIGHLIGHTS: Miami compiles a three-year record of 34-2 (.944)...advances to three New Year's Day bowl games (1987 Fiesta, 1988 and 1989 Orange)...wins the 1987 national title with a 12-0 mark...UM's defense holds opponents to three-year averages of 2.2 yards/rush and 10.9 points/game.

PITTSBURGH

YEARS/POSITION: 2005-present, head coach.

HIGHLIGHTS: Named head coach on Dec. 23, 2004...becomes the 34th coach in program's history and ninth Pitt graduate to lead the Panthers...signs three consecutive recruiting classes (2006-08) rated the best in the Big East and among the top 25 nationally...the 2006 and 2007 classes were rated No. 10 and No. 8, respectively, in Scout.com's national rankings...has consecutive first-round NFL Draft choices in cornerback Darrelle Revis (New York Jets) and Jeff Otah (Carolina Panthers)...produces two first-team All-America linebackers in three years, including H.B. Blades in 2006 and Scott McKillop in 2008.

PROFESSIONAL DALLAS COWBOYS

YEARS/POSITION: 1989-92, defensive coordinator; 1992, assistant head coach.

HIGHLIGHTS: Dallas wins Super Bowl XXVII, defeating Buffalo, 52-17...named 1990 NFL Assistant Coach of the Year.

CHICAGO BEARS

YEARS/POSITION: 1993-98, head coach.

HIGHLIGHTS: Finishes as third-winningest coach in Bears' history...named 1994 NFC Coach of the Year by UPI and *Football News*.

MIAMI DOLPHINS

YEARS/POSITION: 1999, assistant head coach; 2000-04, head coach.

HIGHLIGHTS: 2000 AFC East champs with 11-5 mark...named 2000 NFL Coach of the Year by FOX's Terry Bradshaw (annual "Terry Awards")...Wannstedt's 41-23 mark from 2000-03 ranked fifth among all NFL coaches...one of only three teams from 2000-03 to win nine or more games each season...2000 & 2001 Florida Sports Awards Pro Coach of the Year.

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GREG GATTUSO › ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/DEFENSIVE LINE



Under the guidance of **GREG GATTUSO**, Pitt's defensive line has emerged as one of the team's major strengths.

Heading into the 2009 season, the Panthers boast one of the finest defensive end tandems in the country with the return of All-Big East performer Greg Romeus and Jabaal Sheard. The pair combined for 26 tackles for loss and 13 sacks last year. Romeus was honored as the Sun Bowl's Most Valuable Lineman.

Named to Dave Wannstedt's original staff in 2005, Gattuso has made invaluable contributions to the Pitt football program on and off the field. As a result, he was promoted to assistant head coach in 2008. This year marks Gattuso's fifth season overall at Pitt and his fourth coaching the defensive line.

Gattuso initially joined the Pitt staff as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator. In his first season, he helped the Panthers sign a recruiting class rated the nation's 10th best by Scout.com.

A Western Pennsylvania native, Gattuso owns a winning resume as a coach and player on both the collegiate and high school levels. Before joining Pitt, Gattuso spent 12 years building neighboring Duquesne University into one of the elite I-AA football programs in the country. The winningest coach in school history, the Dukes went 97-32 (.752) under his direction, won eight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) titles, made five bowl appearances and captured the 2003 consensus Mid-Major Division I-AA national championship.

Gattuso was twice named the national Mid-Major I-AA Coach of the Year and was a seven-time MAAC Coach of the Year. The Dukes dominated the MAAC during his tenure, going 66-7 (.904) in league play, including a 33-game winning streak.

Gattuso was an assistant coach at Duquesne in 1992 before taking over the head coaching post the following year. He previously served as head coach at his high school alma mater, Seton-LaSalle, from 1989-91. Taking over a team that went 6-34 during the four seasons prior to his arrival, Gattuso led the Rebels to a 28-10-1 mark (.731), including three WPIAL playoff berths, a WPIAL championship and Parkway Conference title.

A 1980 graduate of Seton-LaSalle High, Gattuso was named the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's* Class AA Player of the Year his senior season and went on to a standout career at Penn State, where he was a two-time All-East defensive lineman and a member of the Lions' 1982 national title team.

Gattuso is a 1983 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor's degree in administration and criminal justice.



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FRANK CIGNETTI › OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS



Pittsburgh native **FRANK CIGNETTI**, whose coaching resume includes two decades of experience on both the collegiate and NFL levels, was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the University of Pittsburgh in February by Dave Wannstedt.

Cignetti joins Wannstedt's staff after spending the 2008 season as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the University of California. The Bears averaged nearly 33 points per game en route to a 9-4 record and victory over Miami (Fla.) in the Emerald Bowl. In 2007 Cignetti was the San Francisco 49ers' quarterbacks coach.

His Pitt appointment marks a return to the place where he landed his first coaching position as a Panthers graduate assistant in 1989.

Cignetti's family has deep ties to Pitt and Western Pennsylvania football. His father, Frank Sr., was a Pitt assistant from 1966-68 and later the head coach at both West Virginia (1976-79) and Indiana University of Pa. (1986-2005). His brother Curt was also a Pitt assistant (1983-84 and 1993-99) who is now at Alabama.

"Frank Cignetti is quite simply a great football coach from a great football family," Wannstedt said. "Frank owns tremendous knowledge of the game and is also highly skilled in teaching it. He is going to be a major asset for our players and staff alike.

"Not only is he coming back to Pitt but he is also coming back home. Frank won't need any road maps to find all the outstanding high school players in this area. He's lived Western Pennsylvania football his entire life. We are excited for him to get started."

"It is a great honor to be rejoining the University of Pittsburgh," Cignetti said. "Pitt's tradition of excellence, both academically and athletically, is second to none. As great as our history is, I think the future can be even better. I'm excited to be back in my hometown and I can't wait to start working with Coach Wannstedt and his staff."

Prior to his 49ers post, Cignetti was the offensive coordinator at North Carolina (2006) and Fresno State (2002-05). In 2004 Fresno State averaged 52.8 points over its final six games and became just the sixth team in NCAA history to score 50 or more points in four consecutive contests.

The Bulldogs twice finished among the nation's top 10 in scoring and third-down conversions during Cignetti's tenure. They were also a perennial postseason team, advancing to four consecutive bowls, including victories over Georgia Tech (2002, Silicon Valley), UCLA (2003, Silicon Valley) and Virginia (2004, MPC Computers).

From 2000-01, Cignetti served as quarterbacks coach with the New Orleans Saints, where he helped Jeff Blake to a career-best passer rating and also helped Aaron Brooks produce some of the best statistics of his career en route to a Pro Bowl alternate selection. Cignetti landed his first NFL appointment in 1999 as a quality control assistant with the Kansas City Chiefs.

From 1990-98, Cignetti was on his father's staff at IUP, where he was an all-conference safety before earning his bachelor's degree in 1988. He served IUP as receivers, secondary and quarterbacks coach before elevating to offensive coordinator for his final two seasons. During his tenure, IUP twice advanced to the NCAA Division II national title game and earned a berth in the semifinals four times.

Cignetti additionally has served on the coaching staffs for the Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine all-star games. He and his wife Ellen have three daughters: Alyssa, Gabrielle and Ella.



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PHIL BENNETT › DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



Nationally known as one of college football's finest defensive coaches, **PHIL BENNETT** enters his second season at Pitt.

The three-decade coaching veteran came to Pittsburgh last year and put his own imprint on the Panthers' defense. Behind the play of such all-star performers as linebacker Scott McKillop, end Greg Romeus and cornerback Aaron Berry, Pitt ranked among the country's top 30 in both total and rushing defense. Moreover, Pitt intercepted 16 passes during the 2008 season, the second-highest total for the Panthers since 1996.

Pitt was playing some of its finest defense during its drive to the postseason. Over the final five games of the year, the Panthers yielded just 12.6 points per game.

Bennett joined the Panthers after serving as head coach at Southern Methodist University from 2002-07. Prior to SMU, he oversaw some of the country's top defensive units while at such schools as Texas A&M, Kansas State and Louisiana State.

While rebuilding the program at SMU, Bennett improved the Mustangs' win total for three consecutive seasons, including his 2006 team that reached bowl eligibility and achieved the program's highest victory total in a decade. That squad also received the American Football Coaches Association's (AFCA) 2006 Academic Achievement Award after SMU earned a 100% graduation rate for its freshman class of 2000-01.

Prior to SMU, Bennett was the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Kansas State for three years (1999-2001). During his tenure, the Wildcats finished among the nation's top five in total defense each season, including second in 1999 (235.0 yards/game), fourth in 2000 (270.54) and third in 2001 (262.36).

Bennett's secondary units were equally impressive, finishing in the top 10 in pass efficiency defense each year. The 1999 Wildcats led the entire country in pass efficiency defense with an impressive 65.7 rating. They also topped the nation in turnover margin (1.55 margin/game), collecting 21 interceptions and 17 fumbles.

Two of his standouts in the secondary, Dyshod Carter and Jerametrious Butler, became just the second pair of KSU teammates to record 10 or more career interceptions. Both went on to play in the NFL.



In 1998, Bennett served as secondary coach and co-recruiting coordinator at Oklahoma as he helped the Sooners finish sixth nationally in total defense. In 1997, he was the defensive coordinator at Texas Christian and helped the Horned Frogs earn their highest defensive rankings in five years.

Bennett was the defensive coordinator at Texas A&M from 1995-96. *American Football Quarterly* named him its 1995 "Defensive Coordinator of the Year" after the Aggies ranked in the nation's top 10 in every major defensive category, including total defense (third), scoring defense (third) and pass efficiency defense (second).

From 1991-94, Bennett served at LSU, including his final three seasons as assistant head coach. In 1994, he was the Tigers' defensive coordinator. That season, LSU led the Southeastern Conference in every major defensive category and finished eighth nationally in total defense. Bennett's positional focus was the outside linebackers his first three seasons and the secondary his final year in Baton Rouge.

Prior to LSU, Bennett held defensive coordinator posts at Purdue (1987-90) and Iowa State (1983-86). In 1982 he coached TCU's tight ends and tackles. Bennett began his coaching career at Texas A&M as a part-time defensive ends coach from 1979-80 before assuming a full-time position in 1981.

Bennett is a 1978 graduate of Texas A&M with a B.S. in education. He was an All-Southwest Conference defensive end for the Aggies, helping them earn invitations to the Sun, Bluebonnet and Liberty bowls during his career.

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BRIAN ANGELICHIO › TIGHT ENDS



BRIAN ANGELICHIO enters his fourth year on Pitt's coaching staff working with the tight ends, a positional group that has become an annual strength for the Panthers.

Last year under Angelichio's watch, Nate Byham was selected first team All-Big East, an unprecedented achievement by a Pitt tight end. Whether it is in the pass or run games, Byham is one of the country's best all-around performers at the position. He enters his senior year as a viable All-America and John Mackey Award candidate.

Angelichio also oversaw the development of former Pitt tight end Darrell Strong, who spent last season with the Oakland Raiders. Strong was invited to the 2008 Hula Bowl, the first Pitt tight end to play in that historic all-star game since 1981.

Angelichio joined Pitt as a well-rounded football coach following his 10-year tenure at Ithaca College (1996-2005). Named Ithaca's offensive coordinator in 2000, Angelichio molded a highly productive unit that set or tied 30 team and individual records over his final five seasons. The Bombers averaged nearly 40 points per game in 2005 to rank 18th nationally on the NCAA Division III level.

Angelichio oversaw the development of seven All-Americans at Ithaca, which advanced to the postseason in seven of his 10 years. His offenses averaged more than 30 points per game in six of his final eight seasons. Before elevating to his offensive coordinator post, Angelichio coached Ithaca's linebackers (1996-97) and receivers (1998). He oversaw the offensive line from 1999-2005.

In addition to football, Angelichio was a member of Ithaca's baseball staff for nine years, helping the Bombers to the NCAA playoffs each season.

A 1995 graduate of St. Lawrence with a bachelor's in physical education, Angelichio was a member of the Saints' football and baseball teams. He was a three-year starter at outside linebacker and also was a captain and four-year starter on the baseball team. Angelichio spent a season as secondary coach at Brockport (1995) before coming to Ithaca. He earned his master's from Ithaca in 1997.



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BRYAN BOSSARD › WIDE RECEIVERS



BRYAN BOSSARD enters his second year at Pitt as wide receivers coach. Bossard joined the Panthers after serving in the same capacity at Maryland from 2005-07.

Bossard previously worked under Dave Wannstedt in a pair of NFL summer coaching internships with the Chicago Bears in 1996-97.

Pitt's receiving unit is one of exciting potential in 2009. Five lettermen return, including four with starting experience.

Working with a young Terps receiving corps in 2007, Bossard oversaw the development of Freshman All-America wideout LaQuan Williams. He coached another Frosh All-American in Darrius Heyward-Bey during the 2006 campaign.

Prior to his Maryland tenure, Bossard coached the receivers at perennial I-AA power Delaware, his alma mater, from 2002-04. He also was on the Blue Hens' coaching staff from 1994-98 in the same capacity.

Bossard helped Delaware win the 2003 Division I-AA national title with a 15-1 mark. During that championship season, the Blue Hens had three different receivers catch 50 passes or more, an unprecedented achievement at UD. Delaware made three consecutive playoff berths from 1995-97, advancing to the national semifinals each year.

A native of Dover, Del., Bossard was an outstanding player himself for the Blue Hens from 1985-88. An All-Yankee Conference defensive back, he helped Delaware to two I-AA playoff berths. In his final collegiate season he collected 122 tackles and was selected the team's outstanding senior defensive player by the Blue Hen Touchdown Club.

Bossard broke into the collegiate coaching ranks as a graduate assistant at Delaware in 1990. He then coached defensive backs at Morehouse College (1991), West Chester University (1992) and Bucknell (1992-93).

In 1999, Bossard coached the receivers at Army before moving on to a defensive back coaching post at Wyoming during the 2000 and '01 seasons.

He is a 1989 graduate of Delaware with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business management.



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JEFF HAFLEY › SECONDARY



JEFF HAFLEY enters his second year as Pitt's secondary coach and fourth season overall on Dave Wannstedt's staff.

One of the Big East's up-and-coming young coaches, Hafley previously served as Pitt's defensive graduate assistant in 2006 and '07 with a specific focus on the cornerbacks. He was promoted to his current capacity during the 2008 offseason and delivered with a strong year on both the playing field and recruiting trail.

Pitt intercepted 16 passes during the 2008 season, its second-highest total since 1996. Strong safety Dom DeCicco had a team-high four picks while All-Big East cornerback Aaron Berry had three. Both players enter the upcoming season as strong all-star candidates.

Hafley was also instrumental in Pitt's 2009 recruiting class, helping the Panthers sign five highly regarded prospects from New Jersey — Pitt's most signees from the Garden State since the mid-1980s.

Prior to Pitt, Hafley served at the University of Albany for four seasons (2002-05), including his final two as defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator. In his initial two years Hafley was a graduate assistant who coached Albany's defensive tackles and outside linebackers.

While at Albany, Hafley oversaw the development of cornerback/roverback Kurt Campbell, who went on to become the first player in school history to be selected in the NFL Draft. Campbell was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 2005 before going on to play with the Tennessee Titans.

Hafley served as the running backs coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute during the 2001 season. In addition to overseeing the running backs, he also worked significantly with WPI's special teams and coached the kickers.

Hafley was a four-year wide receiver at Siena College from 1997-2000. He began his coaching career at his alma mater while recovering from three separate surgeries that kept him off the field. Hafley is a 2001 cum laude graduate of Siena with a bachelor's degree in history. He earned his master's from Albany in 2003.



2009 PITT FOOTBALL

JOE TUMPKIN › LINEBACKERS



JOE TUMPKIN oversaw an aggressive and productive group of linebackers in 2008, his first season at Pitt.

Middle linebacker Scott McKillop was selected a first team All-American and the Big East Defensive Player of the Year. McKillop was one of the country's most prolific tacklers, ranking third nationally in solo stops (6.31 solos/game), 10th in total tackles (tied, 10.54 tackles/game) and 22nd in tackles for loss (tied, 1.35 TFLs/game).

A pair of first-year starters also thrived under Tumpkin's tutelage. Austin Ransom elevated from special teams performer to starting Will linebacker and finished as the team's second-leading tackler (89 stops). Additionally, Sam linebacker Greg Williams was named the Big East's Top Defensive Freshman by Rivals.com.

Tumpkin joined the Panthers after spending three seasons (2005-07) coaching linebackers at Southern Methodist University, where he served under then-SMU head coach Phil Bennett, now Pitt's defensive coordinator.

While at SMU, Tumpkin oversaw the development of All-Conference USA linebacker Reggie Carrington. During the 2006 season, SMU earned bowl eligibility behind a defense that ranked 24th nationally against the run (107.5 yards/game).

In 2007, Tumpkin earned a coaching fellowship with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As part of the fellowship, he worked with Tampa Bay's coaching staff during the team's July training camp.

From 2002-04, Tumpkin served at Sam Houston State, where he coached the linebackers (2002-03) and secondary (2004). He was instrumental in the development of Sam Houston State linebackers T.J. Dibble, a two-time All-Southland selection, and Paul Donelson, who earned All-America honors. In 2004, the Bearkats captured a share of the Southland Conference championship, advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs and reached as high as No. 3 in the national rankings.

Tumpkin was the defensive coordinator at Lakeland College during the 2000 and '01 seasons. From 1998-99, he was the linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at Southern Illinois, where he helped mold Bart Scott, who went on to be a Pro Bowl performer for the Baltimore Ravens. (Scott was signed by the New York Jets as a coveted free agent this past offseason.) In 1996 Tumpkin coached the linebackers at Defiance College.



Tumpkin's additional experience includes graduate assistantships at Lakeland (1994), Northern Michigan (1995) and Western Michigan (1997).

As a collegian, Tumpkin was a team captain and four-year letterman at Michigan Tech. He earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan Tech in 1994.

2009 PITT FOOTBALL

DAVID WALKER › RUNNING BACKS



DAVID WALKER enters his fifth season as running backs coach at Pitt and has been instrumental in helping the Panthers develop a potent, game-changing rushing attack.

Walker has been lauded as an outstanding teacher of the finer points of running back play. As a result, the Panthers have enjoyed some of their finest production at the position in recent memory.

LeSean McCoy, expected to be one of the top running backs chosen in this year's NFL Draft, was a major beneficiary of Walker's influence. In just two collegiate seasons, McCoy rushed for 2,816 yards and scored 36 touchdowns, both Pitt records for production as a freshman and sophomore.

A unanimous All-Big East selection and the media's Big East Offensive Player of the Year, McCoy last season ranked second in the nation in scoring (tied, 9.69 points/game) and 10th in rushing (114.46 yards/game). He finished with 1,488 yards to become only the third Pitt running back to achieve multiple 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

Walker additionally oversaw the development of fullback Conredge Collins, who is also considered a viable NFL prospect in April's draft.

Before joining Pitt, Walker tutored four 1,000-yard rushers in his last five years as running backs coach at Syracuse. He served with the Orange from 1995-2004 and shaped an exceptional record of producing top-flight running backs. He counts among his SU protégés six backs who played in the National Football League.

The Orange boasted a potent 1-2 punch in the backfield in 2004 with All-Big East running backs Walter Reyes and Damien Rhodes combining for 1,673 yards and 17 touchdowns. Reyes finished his career as SU's second all-time leading rusher with 3,424 yards.

Walker oversaw four consecutive 1,000-yard rushers from 2000-03, a Syracuse record. In '03, Reyes rushed for 1,347 yards, the second-highest single-season total in school history. His 21 touchdowns set an Orange record. Overall, Walker coached three of the Orange's top seven all-time leading rushers.

A 1993 graduate of Syracuse, Walker was an outstanding running back himself, twice earning All-Big East honors. He captained the 1992 team, leading it to a No. 6 national ranking, 10-2 overall record and 26-22 victory over Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl. Walker remains the sixth-leading rusher in Orange history with 2,643 yards.

Following a year as an assistant coach at Miami's Carol City High School in 1994-95, Walker rejoined his alma mater and helped the Orange to four Big East championships.

Including his playing career, he has been part of 12 bowl games.

Walker earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1993.



2009 PITT FOOTBALL

TONY WISE › OFFENSIVE LINE



TONY WISE, an accomplished 36-year coaching veteran of collegiate and professional football, enters his second season as Pitt's offensive line coach.

Under Wise's guidance, the Pitt offensive line is a source of exciting optimism and potential in 2009. Last year's unit paved the way for the nation's 10th-leading rusher in LeSean McCoy (1,488 yards and 21 touchdowns). Offensive guard C.J. Davis was selected first team All-Big East and invited to February's NFL Combine.

Wise's Pitt appointment reunited him with Dave Wannstedt, who he coached with on six prior occasions, and returned him to a place where he received one of his first college coaching positions.

Wannstedt and Wise first worked together on Jackie Sherrill's Pitt coaching staff during the 1977 and '78 seasons. Wannstedt coached receivers and special teams under Sherrill, while Wise was the Panthers' assistant offensive line coach. They would go on to serve on the same staffs with Oklahoma State, the University of Miami, the Dallas Cowboys and during Wannstedt's head coaching tenures with the Chicago Bears and Miami Dolphins.

Prior to his 2008 return to Pitt, Wise spent 18 years coaching offensive lines in the National Football League, including the 2006 and '07 seasons with the New York Jets. From 2001-04, he spent four seasons at Miami, where his offensive lines helped produce the two highest individual single-season rushing totals in franchise history. During the 2002 season, the Dolphins rushed for 156.4 yards per game to rank first in the AFC and second in the NFL.

From 1999-2000, Wise served with the Carolina Panthers. During the '99 season, Carolina averaged 4.3 yards per rush to rank fifth in the NFL. Wise served on Wannstedt's Chicago staff from 1993-98. In four of those six seasons, the Bears ranked in the top 10 of the NFL in fewest sacks allowed, including a league-low 15 in 1995. Wise added the duties of assistant head coach his final four seasons in Chicago.

Wise's NFL career began in 1989 with the Dallas Cowboys, where he coached the offensive line for four seasons (1989-92) under Jimmy Johnson. Wise's line paved the way for Emmitt Smith, who claimed back-to-back NFL rushing titles in 1991 and 1992. Smith rushed for 1,563 yards during the '91 campaign and 1,713 during the Cowboys' Super Bowl championship season in '92.

Dallas rolled past Buffalo, 52-17, in Super Bowl XXVII, the Cowboys' first NFL title in 15 years. Wise's offensive front was vital to the championship run, allowing the second-fewest sacks in the NFL (23). He coached a pair of 1992 Pro Bowlers in center Mark Stepnoski, a former Pitt standout, and guard Nate Newton.

Wise also served under Johnson while with the Miami Hurricanes from 1985-88. His UM tenure witnessed the Hurricanes' emergence as a national power. Miami went 34-2 during Wise's final three seasons there, including a 12-0 mark in winning the 1987 national championship.

A native of Newtonville, N.Y., Wise was an offensive lineman at Ithaca College from 1969-72. He also lettered in lacrosse at Ithaca and played on the school's hockey team. Wise began his coaching career in 1973 at Albany State, where he worked with the outside linebackers. He later coached the offensive lines at Bridgeport (1974), Central Connecticut (1975) and on Jackie Sherrill's staff at Washington State (in 1976 as assistant offensive line coach). Wise's additional collegiate stops include Oklahoma State (under Jimmy Johnson from 1979-83) and Syracuse (1984).



2009 PITT FOOTBALL

BUDDY MORRIS › STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING



During Pitt's 2008 Sun Bowl campaign, the Panthers won five contests in the fourth quarter or overtime. Players and coaches alike readily credited **BUDDY MORRIS'** strength and conditioning program as a vital reason behind those victories.

Game-changing strength and conditioning levels are what Dave Wannstedt envisioned two years ago when he lured Morris back to Pitt to oversee the Panthers' physical development. His arrival infused the Pitt weight room with a new sense of purpose and dedication, resulting in elevated performance on the field.

Morris owns an accomplished history of training elite players at both the collegiate and NFL levels. The 1980 Pitt graduate previously served as the football team's strength and conditioning coach from 1980-89 and 1997-2001.

"Buddy Morris has trained some of the greatest names in college and professional football," Wannstedt said. "He knows what it takes to make a football player — and a football team — reach his highest potential in strength train-

ing and physical conditioning."

His workout regimens are highly regarded and include a focus on strength training, speed development, conditioning, agility training and flexibility. Morris' take on football strength and conditioning was featured in a February 2009 issue of *Sporting News*.

Morris rejoined Pitt after serving at the University of Buffalo in 2006 as its director of sports performance and was directly responsible for training the Bulls' football team. Prior to Buffalo, he was the head strength and conditioning coach for the Cleveland Browns from 2002-05, serving under head coach Butch Davis.

In his prior Pitt training stints, Morris' pupils included such legendary figures as Jim Covert, Bill Fralic, Russ Grimm, Dan Marino and Mark Stepnoski among others. He additionally trained latter-day Pitt stars Ruben Brown and Curtis Martin, two of the NFL's most accomplished players over the past decade.



A former Pitt student-athlete himself, Morris was a four-year letterman in track and field for the Panthers from 1977-80. In addition, he helped create the familiar moniker of the Panthers' weight room, "The Pitt Iron Works."

2009 PITT FOOTBALL

CHRIS LASALA › ASSISTANT AD/FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



CHRIS LASALA is in his 13th year as director of football operations at the University of Pittsburgh. LaSala is in his 10th year as an assistant athletic director.

A native of nearby Aliquippa, Pa., LaSala is truly the Panthers' master of multi-tasking. He coordinates and oversees travel accommodations, including Pitt's trip to the 2008 Sun Bowl, as well as youth summer camps, the annual coaches clinic, preseason camp arrangements and all day-to-day administration for the Pitt football team. LaSala also serves as the football program's liaison to numerous campus offices and within the athletic department.

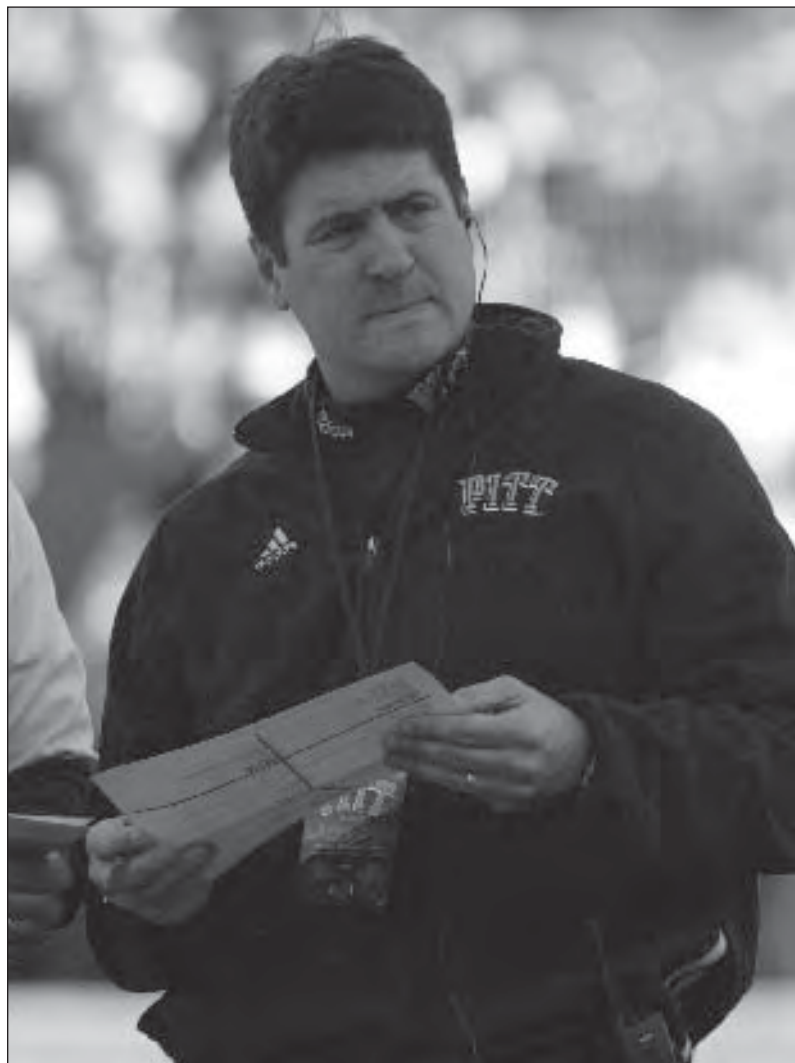
In 2004 he was named a recipient of the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence in service to the University of Pittsburgh. In 2006 LaSala was recognized as an "Outstanding Graduate" of Temple University's sport/recreation administration program.

LaSala was a chief coordinator and planner for Pitt's move to its state-of-the-art practice facility, the UPMC Sports Performance Complex. He has been instrumental in the planning of Pitt's trips to the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, 2003 Continental Tire Bowl, 2002 Insight Bowl, 2001 Visit Florida Tangerine Bowl, 2000 Insight.com Bowl and 1997 AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl.

LaSala's career in athletics began at Temple, where he served as a graduate assistant. He then came to the University of Pittsburgh as an athletic department intern in 1989.

Prior to his 1997 Pitt appointment he served three years as the director of football operations at Boston College (1994-96), where he handled all the administrative duties for the football program, including overseeing the travel arrangements and organizing BC's youth camps.

During his BC tenure, the Eagles captured the 1994 Aloha Bowl and participated in the 1995 Kickoff Classic.



Before Boston College, LaSala spent four years at Temple (1990-93) as recruiting coordinator and ultimately was elevated to assistant athletic director. He initially joined Temple as a graduate assistant in 1988 and then returned to the Owls' football staff in 1990 as the administrative assistant.

LaSala graduated from West Virginia in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Temple in 1991.

2009 PITT FOOTBALL

BOB JUNKO › DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL RELATIONS AND PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT



After spending nearly four decades in the coaching ranks, **BOB JUNKO** moved to the administrative side of college football in 2007 as Pitt's director of football relations and program enhancement.

Junko is a natural for the role given his tremendous football acumen and contacts. In his second year in that capacity, he assists in the daily operations of the program and also has a focus on the Panthers' extended family of football alumni.

One of the best-known football figures in the tri-state area, Junko has been a highly valuable figure within the Pitt program. He played a major role in the Panthers' recent recruiting successes and in 2006 was named one of the nation's top 25 recruiters by Rivals.com.

The 2009 season marks the 13th year of Junko's second tour at Pittsburgh. He initially coached at Pitt from 1982-85, serving as defensive coordinator under head coach Foge Fazio. He returned in 1997 as defensive tackles coach under Walt Harris and was elevated to assistant head coach in 2000.

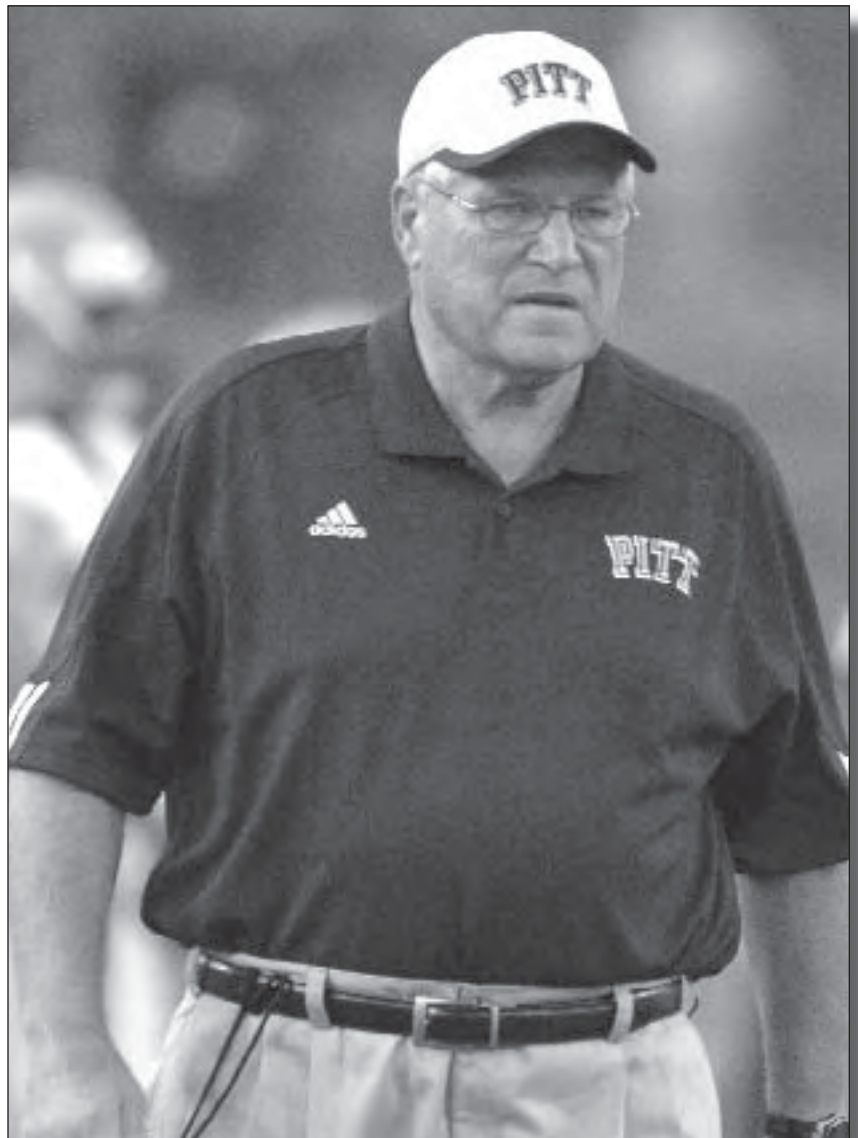
Prior to returning to Pittsburgh, Junko was the defensive coordinator at Kent State from 1995-96. Junko also served as the associate head coach and defensive coordinator for seven years at Akron (1988-94). He additionally held similar positions at Northwestern, TCU and Tulsa, his alma mater.

In his first stint with the Panthers, the 1982 team received a Cotton Bowl bid and finished ninth in the country. The 1983 Panthers earned a Fiesta Bowl berth and ranked 19th in the final polls.

Among the standouts on those defenses were tackle Bill Maas, defensive end Chris Doleman and defensive backs Tim Lewis and Tom Flynn, all of whom went on to careers in the NFL.

As a collegian, Junko starred at Tulsa as an inside line-backer and was an Honorable Mention All-American in 1967. He also was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference team twice and served as team captain.

Junko earned a bachelor's degree in history education in 1968 and his master's in educational administration in 1970 at Tulsa. He was inducted into the University of Tulsa Sports Hall of Fame last year.



2009 PITT FOOTBALL

ROB BLANC › HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER/DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE



ROB BLANC is in his 22nd year as head football athletic trainer and clinical instructor at Pitt. With his exceptional sports medicine knowledge and experience, Blanc is a tremendous resource for the entire Pitt athletic department.

Since his appointment as head athletic trainer in 1993, he has been responsible for overseeing all of the clinical medical services for Pitt. Blanc additionally has led Pitt's Performance Team the last nine years. The Performance Team is a unique blending of the university's numerous resources to serve the total well being of Pitt student-athletes.

Blanc coordinates sports coverage, budget, inventory, drug testing and counseling. Additionally, he is an adjunct clinical instructor for Pitt's undergraduate athletic training curriculum, approved by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA).

Blanc graduated from Slippery Rock in 1982 and earned his master's in athletic training in 1984 from Ohio University. He is also a certified paramedic and was involved in an emergency medical service for 17 years in nearby

Bethel Park.

A native of Pittsburgh, Blanc served as head athletic trainer at neighboring Duquesne University for two years before joining the Panthers' staff.

Blanc began his training career as the head athletic trainer at New Lexington (Ohio) High School in 1983. A year later, he began working for the Pittsburgh Steelers on a part-time basis, serving at training camp and at all home games.



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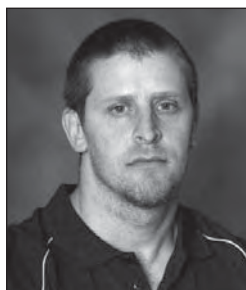
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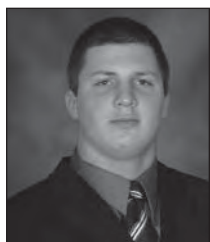
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PLAYER PROFILES



CHAS ALEXIH

Defensive Lineman
6-5 • 275 • SO*
Lancaster, Pa.

#98

2008 Stats: One tackle. **Alecxih in Brief:** Played in four games, making his first career tackle vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 1 vs. Louisville (11/8/08)



JONATHAN BALDWIN

Wide Receiver
6-5 • 220 • SO
Aliquippa, Pa.

#82

2008 Stats: Averaged 22.4 yards/catch on 18 receptions for 404 yards... had three TDs, including scoring catches of 60 and 52 yards. **Baldwin in Brief:** Played in 13 games, starting the last three (West Virginia, Connecticut and Sun Bowl vs. Oregon State)...had career-high 101 receiving yards on three catches (33.7 avg.) with a 60-yard TD at Navy...had career-high five catches for 81 yards (16.2 avg.) vs. Rutgers...had two catches for 59 yards (29.5 avg.) with a 52-yard TD at USF...caught a 10-yard TD at Notre Dame to convert a 4th-and-6 and tie the score at 24 with 2:22 left, forcing OT. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 5 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); *Receiving Yards:* 101 vs. Navy (10/18/08); *Receiving TDs:* 1 three times, most recent: vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08)

Baldwin's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2008	13/3	18	404	22.4	60	3	20*

*one two-pt. conversion catch not included in reception total

Baldwin Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0
Iowa	0	0	0
@Syracuse	1	8	0
@USF	2	59	1
@Navy	3	101	1
Rutgers	5	81	0
@Notre Dame	2	31	1
Louisville	2	80	0
@Cincinnati	1	22	0
West Virginia	1	4	0
@Connecticut	1	18	0
vs. Oregon State	0	0	0



AARON BERRY

Defensive Back
5-11 • 175 • SR
Harrisburg, Pa.

#17

2008 Stats: 41 tackles, one sack, three INTs and a team-high 10 PBUs...76 yards on 14 punt returns (5.4 avg.)...blocked a FG at USF. **Berry in Brief:** All-Big East (second team)...second on team with three INTs, including one in the Sun Bowl vs. Oregon State...also matched career high with three PBUs in the bowl game...had a pick he returned 52 yards vs. Connecticut...other INT came vs. Rutgers...had career-high nine tackles at Notre Dame with a two-yard TFL...had seven tackles vs. Iowa...had a four-yard sack vs. Buffalo...had season-long punt return of 24 yards vs. Syracuse...had three PBUs vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 9 vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Sacks:* 1 vs. Michigan State (9/15/07) and Buffalo (9/6/08); *Interceptions:* 1 five times, most recent: vs. Oregon State (Sun Bowl, 12/31/08); *Punt Returns:* 6 vs. Syracuse (11/3/07); *Punt Return Yardage:* 106 vs. Syracuse (11/3/07); *Punt Return TDs:* 0

Berry's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	12/0	0.0	0	2	0	1	1	0-0	2
2007	12/9	1.0	0	5	2	13	6	1.0-4	19
2008	13/13	1.0	0	10	3	31	10	3.5-9	41
TOTAL	37/22	2.0	0	17	5	45	17	4.5-13	62



PAT BOSTICK

Quarterback
6-3 • 220 • JR
Lancaster, Pa.

#19

2008 Stats: 22 of 41 (53.7%) for 270 yards, 1 TD and 4 INT. **Bostick in Brief:** Played in six games, starting one...start came at Notre Dame, where he threw for 164 yards on 14-of-27 passing with one TD and three INTs...facing 4th-and-6 at the Irish 10, Bostick hit Jonathan Baldwin for a TD on a fade pattern, tying the game at 24 with 2:22 left to ultimately force OT...Pitt would beat the Irish, 36-33, in four OTs...came on in relief vs. Oregon State in the Sun Bowl and hit 2-of-3 passes for 37 yards in the fourth period...other relief appearances included Navy, Rutgers, Louisville and Connecticut. **Career Highs:** *Passing Yards:* 298 vs. USF (11/24/07); *Completions:* 27 vs. Connecticut (9/22/07); *Attempts:* 41 vs. Connecticut (9/22/07); *Pass TDs:* 2 vs. USF (11/24/07); *INTs:* 3 three times, most recent: vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Rushing Yards:* (-3) vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. Navy (10/10/07) and West Virginia (12/1/07); *Rushing Attempts:* 5 vs. USF (11/24/07)

Bostick's Career Statistics

Passing	G/GS	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Int.	TDs	Effic.
2007	10/8	252	155	61.5	1500	13	8	111.67
2008	6/1	41	22	53.7	270	4	1	97.51
TOTAL	16/9	293	177	60.4	1770	17	9	109.69

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Bostick's Career Statistics (continued)

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2007	10/8	25	(-131)	(-5.2)	7	2	12
2008	6/1	7	(-36)	(-5.1)	1	0	0
TOTAL	16/9	32	(-167)	(-5.2)	7	2	12

Bostick Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Pass					Rush		
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	TDs	Att.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	DNP							
Buffalo	DNP							
Iowa	DNP							
@Syracuse	DNP							
@USF	DNP							
@Navy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	11	6	1	69	0	2	(-15)	0
@Notre Dame	27	14	3	164	1	3	(-12)	0
Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
@Cincinnati	DNP							
West Virginia	DNP							
@Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Oregon State	3	2	0	37	0	2	(-9)	0



NATE BYHAM

Tight End
6-3 • 255 • SR
Franklin, Pa.

#80

2008 Stats: Had 20 catches for 260 yards (13.0 avg.) and one TD. **Byham in Brief:** All-Big East (first team)...played in all 13 games, starting 12... had career-high 69 receiving yards on four catches vs. West Virginia... had career-high five catches (for 52 yards) vs. Bowling Green in season opener...had a 28-yard TD catch vs. Connecticut. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 5 vs. Bowling Green (8/30/08); *Receiving Yards:* 69 vs. West Virginia (11/28/08); *Receiving TDs:* 1 three times, most recent: vs. Connecticut (12/6/08)

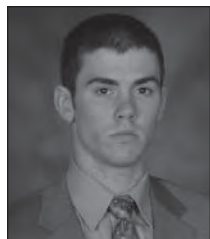
Byham's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	11/1	2	34	17.0	23	1	6
2007	11/11	15	210	14.0	50	1	6
2008	13/12	20	260	13.0	34	1	6
TOTAL	35/24	37	504	13.6	50	3	18

Byham Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	5	52	0
Buffalo	3	26	0
Iowa	0	0	0
@Syracuse	0	0	0
@USF	1	24	0
@Navy	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	34	0
@Notre Dame	1	(-2)	0
Louisville	1	7	0
@Cincinnati	1	12	0
West Virginia	4	69	0
@Connecticut	1	28	1
vs. Oregon State	2	10	0



LUKE BRIGGS

Placekicker
5-9 • 180 • JR*
Midland, Mich.

#24

Briggs in Brief: Third-year walk-on who lettered as a kickoff specialist last year...took over that role for the Buffalo contest and played in the final 12 games.



IRVAN BROWN

Defensive Back
6-0 • 205 • SR*
Brewerton, N.Y.

#20

2008 Stats: Had three tackles. **Brown in Brief:** Reserve free safety who played in eight games. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Navy (10/18/08); *Interceptions:* 0

Brown's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0	2
2007	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	2
2008	8/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	2	0-0	3
TOTAL	30/0	0.0	0	0	0	4	3	0-0	7



DAN CAFARO

Defensive Back
5-10 • 170 • SR*
Upper St. Clair, Pa.

#5

2008 Stats: Two tackles. **Cafaro in Brief:** Third-year walk-on lettered last year on special teams covering kicks...played in 11 games...2008 finalist for the "Rudy Award." **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 1 vs. Notre Dame (11/1/08) and West Virginia (11/28/08)

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MYLES CARAGEIN

Defensive Lineman
6-2 • 275 • SO*
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#94

2008 Stats: Nine tackles and a TFL assist. **Caragein in Brief:** Played in 12 games as a reserve DT...had a career-high four tackles at Navy. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 4 vs. Navy (10/18/08)

Caragein's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	3	6	0.5-1	9



JOVANI CHAPPEL

Defensive Back
5-9 • 180 • SR
Dayton, Ohio

#7

2008 Stats: 45 tackles, two INTs and a fumble recovery. **Chappel in Brief:** Played in 13 games, starting eight at CB...had crucial INT vs. West Virginia that sparked Pitt's fourth-quarter rally from a 15-7 deficit...picked off Pat White and returned it 14 yards to the Pitt 16, setting up a Pitt TD with 8:07 left...also had an INT at UConn...had career-high seven tackles vs. Oregon State in the Sun Bowl...had six tackles at Syracuse and Navy...coaching staff Special Teams Player of the Game for Navy contest...had fumble recovery vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 7 vs. Oregon State (Sun Bowl, 12/31/08); *Interceptions:* 1 vs. West Virginia (11/28/08) and Connecticut (12/6/08)

Chappel's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	10/0	0.0	0	0	0	3	4	0-0	7
2007	11/0	0.0	1	0	0	10	7	0-0	17
2008	13/8	0.0	1	1	2	31	14	1.0-3	45
TOTAL	34/8	0.0	2	1	2	44	25	1.0-3	69



DOM DECICCO

Defensive Back
6-3 • 220 • JR
Jefferson Hills, Pa.

#31

2008 Stats: 56 tackles and team-high four INTs...ranked third in Big East with 0.31 INTs/game. **DeCicco in Brief:** Played in 13 games, starting 11 at SS...had career-high 13 tackles with an INT at Connecticut...had seven tackles, a forced fumble and fumble recovery vs. Oregon State in the Sun Bowl...had six stops and an INT vs. West Virginia...also had picks at USF and Navy. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 13 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Interceptions:* 1 four times, most recent: vs. Connecticut (12/6/08)

DeCicco's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	10/0	0.0	0	0	0	4	2	0-0	6
2008	13/11	0.0	1	7	4	38	18	0-0	56
TOTAL	23/11	0.0	1	7	4	42	20	0-0	62



STEVE DELL

Linebacker
6-1 • 235 • SR*
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

#6

2008 Stats: Had six tackles. **Dell in Brief:** Played in all 13 games on special teams and as a reserve linebacker...had two stops vs. Navy and Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 5 vs. The Citadel (9/23/06)

Dell's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	9/0	0.0	0	0	0	7	2	0.5-1	9
2007	8/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	2
2008	13/0	0.0	0	0	0	3	3	0-0	6
TOTAL	30/0	0.0	0	0	0	11	6	0.5-1	17



DORIN DICKERSON

Tight End
6-2 • 230 • SR
Imperial, Pa.

#2

2008 Stats: 13 catches for 174 yards (13.4 avg.) and two TDs...had two rushes for 25 yards (12.5 avg.). **Dickerson in Brief:** Played in 13 games, starting two...caught the first TD of his career on a two-yard pass vs. Syracuse...had a 41-yard TD catch at Cincinnati...had two catches for 37 yards vs. Oregon State in the Sun Bowl. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 2 three times, most recent: vs. Oregon State (Sun Bowl, 12/31/08); *Receiving Yards:* 41 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Receiving TDs:* 1 vs. Syracuse (9/27/08) and Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Rushing Yards:* 16 vs. USF (10/2/08); *Rushing Attempts:* 1 five times, most recent: vs. USF (10/2/08); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. Toledo (9/30/06)

Dickerson's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	8/0	1	5	5.0	5	0	0
2007	12/0	0	0	—	—	0	0
2008	13/2	13	174	13.4	41	2	12
TOTAL	33/2	14	179	12.8	41	2	12

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	8/0	3	25	8.3	14	1	6
2007	12/0	0	0	—	—	0	0
2008	13/2	2	25	12.5	16	0	0
TOTAL	33/2	5	50	10.0	16	1	6

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Dickerson Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	2	23	0
Buffalo	1	7	0
Iowa	1	18	0
@Syracuse	2	11	1
@USF	0	0	0
@Navy	1	16	0
Rutgers	1	8	0
@Notre Dame	1	2	0
Louisville	1	11	0
@Cincinnati	1	41	1
West Virginia	0	0	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0
vs. Oregon State	2	37	0



TOMMIE DUHART

Defensive Lineman
6-4 • 290 • SR
Belle Glade, Fla.

#51

2008 Stats: Three tackles. **Duhart in Brief:** Played in seven games at DT, starting one (Buffalo)...had three tackles. **Career Highs:** Tackles: 5 vs. West Virginia (12/1/07); Sacks: 1 vs. West Virginia (12/1/07)

Duhart's Career Statistics										
Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT	
2007	12/3	1.0	1	1	0	12	12	4.5-19	24	
2008	7/1	0.0	0	1	0	2	1	0.5-0	3	
TOTAL	19/4	1.0	1	2	0	14	13	5.0-19	27	



ELIJAH FIELDS

Defensive Back
6-2 • 220 • JR*
Duquesne, Pa.

#4

2008 Stats: 18 tackles. **Fields in Brief:** Played in 12 games, starting two at strong safety...Sept. 20 Iowa game marked his first career start...had career-high five tackles at Cincinnati...had four stops vs. Iowa and Louisville. **Career Highs:** Tackles: 5 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08)

Fields' Career Statistics										
Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT	
2006	8/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	
2008	12/2	0.0	0	1	0	13	5	0.5-1	18	
TOTAL	20/2	0.0	0	1	0	13	5	0.5-1	18	



RICKY GARY

Defensive Back
5-9 • 175 • JR*
Pahokee, Fla.

#26

2008 Stats: 12 tackles and four PBUs...one fumble recovery (for three-yard TD vs. Louisville). **Gary in Brief:** Played in 12 games at CB, starting the final five regular-season games...missed the Sun Bowl due to a right forearm fracture sustained in the Connecticut game...had career-high

four tackles, plus his first career TD on a three-yard fumble return vs. Louisville when he alertly picked up a dropped lateral. **Career Highs:** Tackles: 4 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); Interceptions: 1 vs. Eastern Michigan (9/1/07)

Gary's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	12/3	0.0	0	0	1	4	0	0-0	4
2008	12/5	0.0	1	4	0	9	3	0-0	12
TOTAL	24/8	0.0	1	4	1	13	3	0-0	16



MAX GRUDER

Linebacker
6-2 • 235 • SO*
Charlotte, N.C.

#49

2008 Stats: Five tackles. **Gruder in Brief:** Played in 13 games as a reserve linebacker and special teams performer...had a personal-best two tackles vs. Rutgers. **Career Highs:** Tackles: 2 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); Sacks: 0

Gruder's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	13/0	0.0	0	0	0	2	3	0-0	5



ADAM GUNN

Linebacker
6-2 • 230 • SR*
Vandergrift, Pa.

#8

Gunn in Brief: A 2007 starter at Sam linebacker who was limited to one game last year due to a season-ending neck injury in the opener vs. Bowling Green...has been granted a sixth year by the NCAA. **Career Highs:** Tackles: 8 vs. Rutgers (11/17/07); Sacks: 1 vs. Syracuse (11/3/07)

Gunn's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	5	3	0-0	8
2006	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	9	4	0-0	13
2007	12/12	1.5	1	2	0	31	28	6.0-18	59
2008	1/1	0.0	0	0	0	2	2	0-0	4
TOTAL	36/13	1.5	1	2	0	47	37	6.0-18	84



JUSTIN HARGROVE

Defensive Lineman
6-3 • 250 • SO*
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#96

2008 Stats: 1 tackle. **Hargrove in Brief:** Earned increased playing time as a reserve defensive end behind Jabaal Sheard...played in five games...had one tackle vs. West Virginia. **Career Highs:** Tackles: 1 vs. West Virginia (11/28/08); Sacks: 0

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SHARIFF HARRIS

Running Back
6-1 • 215 • SO*
Newark, N.J.

#43

2008 Stats: 21 yards on 12 carries. **Harris in Brief:** Played in 13 games, primarily on special teams...also saw late game action at tailback. **Career Highs:** *Rushing Yards:* 12 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Rushing Attempts:* 6 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Rushing TDs:* 0

Harris' Career Statistics

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2008	13/0	12	21	1.8	4	0	0



ROBB HOUSER

Offensive Lineman
6-2 • 285 • SR
Chico, Calif.

#64

Houser in Brief: Second-year JUCO transfer...in 2008 started the season's first seven games at center before suffering a season-ending right ankle fracture.



HENRY HYNOSKI

Fullback
6-2 • 250 • SO*
Elysburg, Pa.

#27

2008 Stats: One carry for three yards. **Hynoski in Brief:** Lettered in his first active season, primarily as a special teams contributor...played in five games. **Career Highs:** *Rushing Yards:* 3 vs. Navy (10/18/08); *Rushing Attempts:* 1 vs. Navy (10/18/08); *Rushing TDs:* 0



BUDDY JACKSON

Defensive Back
6-0 • 175 • SO*
Plantation, Fla.

#21

Jackson in Brief: Reserve cornerback and special teams contributor who played in five games last year to letter.



ANDREW JANOCKO

Quarterback
6-1 • 200 • SO*
Clearfield, Pa.

#4

Janocko in Brief: Third-year walk-on quarterback lettered last year, playing in all 13 games as Pitt's primary holder...lone pass attempt of the year was an incomplection vs. Rutgers.



ALEX KARABIN

Offensive Lineman
6-1 • 290 • JR*
Ruffs Dale, Pa.

#53

Karabin in Brief: Reserve center who lettered as a member of the field goal/PAT units last year...played in all 13 games.



BRANDON LINDSEY

Fullback
6-2 • 230 • SO*
Aliquippa, Pa.

#35

Lindsey in Brief: Was a reserve linebacker/special teams contributor who played in seven games last year...will move to fullback this spring.



JOHN MALECKI

Offensive Lineman
6-3 • 280 • SR
Murrysville, Pa.

#74

Malecki in Brief: Started each game at right guard in his first year on offense...previously lettered at defensive tackle in 2006 and 2007...coaching staff Offensive Player of the Game for Louisville contest.



CEDRIC MCGEE

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 205 • SR*
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

#1

2008 Stats: 23 catches for 201 receiving yards (8.7 avg.). **McGee in Brief:** Played in 13 games, starting five...coaching staff Offensive Player of the Game for Buffalo contest...had three catches for 28 yards, including a spectacular one-handed catch for 10 yards that converted a 3rd-and-4 in

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the fourth quarter and led to a TD...coaching staff Special Teams Player of the Game for West Virginia contest. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 4 vs. Syracuse (10/7/06); *Receiving Yards:* 43 vs. Syracuse (10/7/06); *Receiving TDs:* 0

McGee's Career Statistics							
Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	11/0	6	56	9.3	21	0	0
2007	10/2	8	49	6.1	17	0	0
2008	13/5	23	201	8.7	17	0	0
TOTAL	34/7	37	306	8.3	21	0	0

McGee Game by Game			
2008 Season Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	6	55	0
Buffalo	3	28	0
Iowa	2	12	0
@Syracuse	1	13	0
@USF	1	4	0
@Navy	2	13	0
Rutgers	2	13	0
@Notre Dame	1	4	0
Louisville	1	12	0
@Cincinnati	3	36	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0
vs. Oregon State	1	11	0



SHANE MURRAY

Linebacker
6-1 • 220 • SR*
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#15

Murray in Brief: A 2007 starter at Will linebacker who was limited to one game last year (Syracuse) due to a preseason right knee injury that eventually resulted in surgery. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 10 vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Sacks:* 3 three times, most recent: vs. USF (11/24/07); *Interceptions:* 0

Murray's Career Statistics									
Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	2	3	0-0	5
2007	12/12	3.0	0	1	0	38	22	4.0-23	60
2008	1/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
TOTAL	24/12	3.0	0	1	0	40	25	4.0-23	65



GUS MUSTAKAS

Defensive Lineman
6-3 • 280 • SR*
Cooper City, Fla.

#93

2008 Stats: 14 tackles, two TFLs, one sack and a fumble recovery. **Mustakas in Brief:** Played in 13 games, starting three...had season-high four stops with one TFL and a fumble recovery vs. Navy...had eight-yard sack vs. Buffalo. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 5 vs. Eastern Michigan (9/1/07); *Sacks:* 1 four times, most recent: vs. Buffalo (9/6/08); *Interceptions:* 1 vs. Toledo (9/30/06) (9-yd. TD)

Mustakas' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	3.0	0	3	0	5	2	2.0-9	7
2006	12/12	0.0	1	0	1	15	9	1.5-3	24
2007	2/2	0.0	0	0	0	4	7	2.0-5	11
2008	13/3	1.0	1	1	0	9	5	2.0-11	14
TOTAL	38/17	4.0	2	4	1	33	23	7.5-28	56



LUCAS NIX

Offensive Lineman
6-6 • 300 • SO
Jefferson Hills, Pa.

#52

Nix in Brief: Played six games as a reserve offensive tackle to letter in his true freshman season.



NATE NIX

Linebacker
6-3 • 235 • JR*
Jefferson Hills, Pa.

#44

2008 Stats: 14 tackles and one fumble recovery. **Nix in Brief:** Played in all 13 games in special teams capacities and also has served as a reserve Sam linebacker...twice had a season-high three tackles (Syracuse and Connecticut)...had a fumble recovery at Cincinnati. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 3 vs. Syracuse (9/27/08) and Connecticut (12/6/08)

Nix's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	9/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	3	0-0	4
2008	13/0	0.0	1	0	0	8	6	0-0	14
TOTAL	22/0	0.0	1	0	0	9	9	0-0	18



JOHN PELUSI

Tight End
6-3 • 260 • SR*
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#83

2008 Stats: Five catches for 37 yards. **Pelusi in Brief:** Played in all 13 games, starting five...twice had season-high two catches (vs. Notre Dame and Louisville)...had season-high 24 receiving yards (on two catches) vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 3 vs. Eastern Michigan (9/1/07); *Receiving Yards:* 26 vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Receiving TDs:* 0

Pelusi's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	11/0	0	0	—	—	0	0
2007	8/3	5	46	9.2	15	0	0
2008	13/5	5	37	7.4	15	0	0
TOTAL	32/8	10	83	8.3	15	0	0

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JASON PINKSTON

Offensive Lineman
6-4 • 300 • JR*
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#77

Pinkston in Brief: Started all 12 regular-season games at left tackle... missed the Sun Bowl vs. Oregon State due to a right shoulder injury sustained during bowl week practice.



T.J. PORTER

Wide Receiver
6-1 • 195 • SR
Pahokee, Fla.

#9

2008 Stats: Had 25 catches for 357 receiving yards (14.3 avg.)...averaged 11.5 yards on 16 punt returns (184 yards total). **Porter in Brief:** Played in 13 games...had career-high 109 receiving yards on four catches (27.3 avg.) vs. Rutgers, including a career-long 64-yard catch...had season-high six catches (for 57 yards) vs. Buffalo...became Pitt's starting punt returner for Nov. 1 Notre Dame game...had a career-long 36-yard punt return vs. Oregon State at the Sun Bowl...had 18-yard return vs. West Virginia that set up Pitt's game-winning 59-yard TD drive. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 7 vs. Cincinnati (10/20/07) and USF (11/24/07); *Receiving Yards:* 109 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); *Receiving TDs:* 0; *Punt Returns:* 6 vs. Oregon State (Sun Bowl, 12/31/08); *Punt Return Yards:* 86 vs. Oregon State (Sun Bowl, 12/31/08); *Punt Return TDs:* 0

Porter's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	10/0	3	18	6.0	10	0	0
2007	12/5	37	329	8.9	34	0	2*
2008	13/0	25	357	14.3	64	0	0
TOTAL	35/5	65	704	10.8	64	0	2

*one two-pt. conversion catch not included in reception total

Punt Returns	Punt Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	0	(-2)	0.0	0	0	0
2007	2	33	16.5	22	0	0
2008	16	184	11.5	36	0	0
TOTAL	18	215	11.9	36	0	0

Porter Game by Game

2008 Season Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs	Punt Rtn.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	6	57	0	0	0	0
Iowa	1	13	0	0	0	0
@Syracuse	0	0	0	0	0	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0
@Navy	3	42	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	4	109	0	0	0	0
@Notre Dame	1	37	0	2	11	0
Louisville	3	35	0	3	33	0
@Cincinnati	3	34	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	2	20	0	3	22	0
@Connecticut	1	5	0	2	32	0
vs. Oregon State	1	5	0	6	86	0



ANTWUAN REED

Defensive Back
5-10 • 180 • SO
Johnstown, Pa.

#22

2008 Stats: Seven tackles and one forced fumble. **Reed in Brief:** Played in the final nine contests of the season, primarily in special teams capacities...also was a top reserve at corner...had a career-high three tackles vs. Louisville...had a forced fumble at Cincinnati. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 3 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Interceptions:* 0

Reed's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	9/0	0.0	0	0	0	6	1	0-0	7



TRISTAN ROBERTS

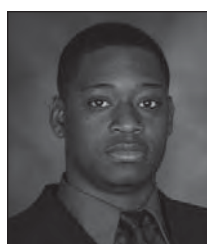
Linebacker
6-0 • 230 • SO*
Perkasie, Pa.

#32

2008 Stats: Seven tackles. **Roberts in Brief:** Played in all 13 games as a special teams contributor...also a reserve Will linebacker. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08) and Connecticut (12/6/08); *Interceptions:* 0

Roberts' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	13/0	0.0	0	0	0	4	3	0-0	7



GREG ROMEUS

Defensive Lineman
6-5 • 265 • JR*
Coral Springs, Fla.

#91

2008 Stats: 51 tackles, 15.5 TFLs, 7.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery...had three blocked PATs (two vs. Rutgers and one vs. Bowling Green). **Romeus in Brief:** All-Big East (second team) selection...started all 13 games...named Sun Bowl's Most Valuable Lineman after collecting two sacks (for 20 yards in losses) and four total tackles vs. Oregon State...matched career high with eight tackles and had three TFLs and a six-yard sack at Notre Dame...had five tackles and a 10-yard sack at Cincinnati...had a nine-yard sack at USF...recovered an Iowa fumble with 50 seconds to go to clinch Pitt's 21-20 win...sacked Syracuse QB Cam Dantley, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Jabaal Sheard at the Orange 34 with 8:05 left to set up Pitt's clinching TD in a 34-24 win. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 8 vs. Connecticut (9/22/07) and Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Sacks:* 2 vs. Oregon State (Sun Bowl, 12/31/08)

Romeus' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	12/0	4.0	1	3	0	28	13	11.5-50	41
2008	13/13	7.5	1	3	0	27	24	15.5-81	51
TOTAL	25/13	11.5	2	6	0	55	37	27-131	92

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JABAAL SHEARD

Defensive Lineman
6-4 • 250 • JR
Hollywood Hills, Fla.

#97

2008 Stats: 45 tackles, 10.5 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery...had team-high 11 QB hurries...also had seven PBUs.

Sheard in Brief: Started all 13 games...had career-high six tackles at Navy, including a sack and forced fumble that Pitt parlayed into a TD...had five tackles and a five-yard sack vs. Louisville...had five tackles with an eight-yard sack at Syracuse...also recovered a fumble (forced by teammate Greg Romeus) at the SU 34 in the fourth quarter that led to Pitt's clinching TD in the 34-24 win...coaching staff Defensive Player of the Game for Syracuse contest. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 6 vs. Navy (10/18/08); *Sacks:* 1 five times, most recent: vs. Louisville (11/8/08)

Sheard's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	9/0	0.0	0	2	0	2	1	0-0	3
2008	13/13	5.5	1	7	0	25	20	10.5-56	45
TOTAL	22/13	5.5	1	9	0	27	21	10.5-56	48



BILL STULL

Quarterback
6-3 • 215 • SR*
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#11

2008 Stats: 188 of 330 (57.0%) for 2,356 yards, 9 TDs and 10 INTs. **Stull in Brief:** Played in and started 12 games, missing the Nov. 1 Notre Dame game due to a concussion/stinger sustained the previous week vs. Rutgers...threw for a career-high 279 yards on 16-of-22 passing vs. Rutgers before leaving the game due to injury in the third quarter...posted career highs in completions (29) and attempts (51) against Bowling Green while throwing for 264 yards...third-highest yardage of season came at Navy, where he threw for 255 yards on 15-of-23 passing with one TD and two INTs...Navy TD pass was a 60-yard bomb to Jonathan Baldwin...was exceptional at USF, hitting 16 of 27 for 228 yards and a 52-yard TD pass to Baldwin...threw for a career-high two TDs at UConn, including a 61-yarder to Derek Kinder and 28 yards to Nate Byham. **Career Highs:** *Passing Yards:* 279 vs. Rutgers (10/25/08); *Completions:* 29 vs. Bowling Green (8/30/08); *Attempts:* 51 vs. Bowling Green (8/30/08); *Pass TDs:* 2 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08); *Rushing Yards:* 12 vs. UCF (10/13/06); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. Iowa (9/20/08); *Rushing Attempts:* 8 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08)

Stull's Career Statistics

Passing	G/GS	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Int.	TDs	Effc.
2005	2/0	2	1	50.0	17	0	0	121.40
2006	4/0	8	6	75.0	69	0	1	188.70
2007	1/1	20	14	70.0	177	0	1	160.84
2008	12/12	330	188	57.0	2356	10	9	119.88
TOTAL	19/13	360	209	58.1	2619	10	11	123.69

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	2/0	0	0	—	—	0	0
2006	4/0	4	8	2.0	12	0	0
2007	1/1	3	(-9)	(-3.0)	4	0	0
2008	12/12	35	(-136)	(-3.9)	11	1	6
TOTAL	19/13	42	(-137)	(-3.3)	12	1	6

Stull Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Pass					Rush		
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	TDs	Att.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	51	29	1	264	1	4	(-20)	0
Buffalo	33	22	1	241	0	3	(-12)	0
Iowa	25	11	1	129	0	3	7	1
@Syracuse	29	17	0	166	1	1	2	0
@USF	27	16	0	228	1	3	(-18)	0
@Navy	23	15	2	255	1	2	(-3)	0
Rutgers	22	16	0	279	0	3	(-6)	0
@Notre Dame	DNP							
Louisville	27	15	0	216	1	0	0	0
@Cincinnati	28	18	1	229	1	8	(-42)	0
West Virginia	23	12	2	156	1	2	(-13)	0
@Connecticut	18	10	1	141	2	3	(-17)	0
vs. Oregon State	24	7	1	52	0	3	(-14)	0

ANDREW TAGLIANETTI

Defensive Back
5-11 • 175 • SO
Bridgeville, Pa.



#41

2008 Stats: Nine tackles, one fumble recovery and three blocked punts. **Taglianetti in Brief:** Played in all 13 games and established himself as a special teams demon...blocked punts against Iowa, Notre Dame and Cincinnati...recovered a fumbled punt vs. Louisville...also was a reserve free safety who saw time in specialized packages. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Iowa (9/20/08) and Notre Dame (11/1/08); *Interceptions:* 0

Taglianetti's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	13/0	0.0	1	0	0	7	2	0-0	9

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JOE THOMAS

Offensive Lineman
6-5 • 300 • SR
Cleveland, Ohio

#56

Thomas in Brief: Started each game at right tackle last year...starter at right guard the prior two years...owns 27 career starts on the offensive line.



ODERICK TURNER

Wide Receiver
6-3 • 205 • SR*
Teaneck, N.J.

#88

2008 Stats: 298 receiving yards on 21 catches (14.2 avg.) and one TD. **Turner in Brief:** Played in all 13 games, starting eight...twice had season highs of five catches (Bowling Green and Buffalo)...had season-high 69 receiving yards vs. Buffalo...lone TD was a leaping 26-yarder vs. Louisville, putting Pitt ahead, 17-0. **Career Highs:** *Receptions:* 6 three times, most recent: vs. Navy (10/10/07); *Receiving Yards:* 130 vs. The Citadel (9/23/06); *Receiving TDs:* 2 vs. Louisville (11/25/06)

Turner's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2006	12/12	44	660	15.0	72	8	48
2007	12/10	36	496	13.8	61	5	34*
2008	13/8	21	298	14.2	38	1	6
TOTAL	37/30	101	1454	14.4	72	14	88

* two 2-pt. conversion catches not included in reception total



TYLER TKACH

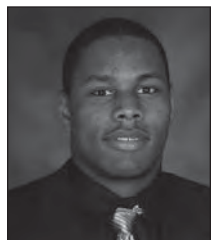
Defensive Lineman
6-3 • 265 • JR*
Slatington, Pa.

#45

2008 Stats: One tackle. **Tkach in Brief:** Lettered for the second consecutive year as a reserve defensive end...played in seven games. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 4 vs. Grambling (9/8/07); *Sacks:* 1 vs. Grambling (9/8/07)

Tkach's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2007	12/0	1.0	1	0	0	7	3	2.5-11	10
2008	7/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	1
TOTAL	19/0	1.0	1	0	0	7	4	2.5-11	11



TONY TUCKER

Defensive Lineman
6-2 • 235 • SO*
Bowie, Md.

#90

2008 Stats: Four tackles, one sack and one forced fumble. **Tucker in Brief:** Played in each game as a chief reserve at DE...helped clinch Iowa victory with a pair of key plays on Iowa's final possession...had a two-yard sack and then, on the next play, forced a fumble that was recovered by teammate Greg Romeus with 50 seconds left. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 2 vs. Iowa (9/20/08); *Sacks:* 1 vs. Iowa (9/20/08)

Tucker's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	13/0	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	1.0-2	4

Turner Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Bowling Green	5	42	0
Buffalo	5	69	0
Iowa	0	0	0
@Syracuse	2	19	0
@USF	3	60	0
@Navy	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	7	0
@Notre Dame	2	42	0
Louisville	1	26	1
@Cincinnati	1	21	0
West Virginia	1	12	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0
vs. Oregon State	0	0	0

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GREG WILLIAMS

Linebacker
6-3 • 225 • SO*
Naples, Fla.

#38

2008 Stats: 47 tackles, 6.5 TFLs, 3.5 sacks, two INTs and a blocked FG (at Cincinnati). **Williams in Brief:** First-year starter who stepped into the lineup after senior SLB Adam Gunn was lost for the season due to a neck injury in the season opener...played in all 13 games, starting the final 12...had career-high eight tackles and 1.5 sacks vs. Iowa...had two INTs at Connecticut, including one returned 20 yards for a TD...he returned his other pick 41 yards to set up a field goal...Williams' UConn performance marked the first multiple INT game for a Panther since the 2004 season (Malcolm Postell vs. USF)...had three tackles, a 10-yard sack and two pass breakups in the Sun Bowl vs. Oregon State. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 8 vs. Iowa (9/20/08); *Sacks:* 1.5 vs. Iowa (9/20/08); *Interceptions:* 2 vs. Connecticut (12/6/08)

Greg Williams' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2008	13/12	3.5	0	4	2	29	18	6.5-27	47



MICK WILLIAMS

Defensive Lineman
6-1 • 285 • SR*
Monessen, Pa.

#95

2008 Stats: 25 tackles, 8.5 TFLs and 4.5 sacks. **Williams in Brief:** Played in 12 games, starting nine...missed Oct. 18 Navy game (concussion)...had season-high three tackles in four different games, including West Virginia, Iowa, Bowling Green and in the Sun Bowl vs. Oregon State...had career-high 1.5 sacks vs. Louisville. **Career Highs:** *Tackles:* 7 vs. Rutgers (11/17/07); *Sacks:* 1.5 vs. Louisville (11/8/08)

Mick Williams' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2006	3/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	2
2007	12/7	3.0	0	0	0	20	9	8.0-35	29
2008	12/9	4.5	0	4	0	18	7	8.5-54	25
TOTAL	27/16	7.5	0	4	0	39	17	16.5-89	56



AUNDRE WRIGHT

Wide Receiver
5-11 • 180 • SO*
Pittsburgh, Pa.

#10

2008 Stats: Averaged 21.0 yards on 26 kick returns (547 yards total)...had 34 yards on five rushes (6.8 avg.) with one TD. **Wright in Brief:** Played in all 13 games as a kick returner and reserve receiver...had 27 yards on two rushes against Louisville with a 20-yard TD on an end-around play. **Career Highs:** *Kick Returns:* 5 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Kick Return Yards:* 105 vs. Cincinnati (11/22/08); *Kick Return TDs:* 0; *Rushing Attempts:* 2 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Rushing Yards:* 27 vs. Louisville (11/8/08); *Rushing TDs:* 1 vs. Louisville (11/8/08)

Wright's Career Statistics

Kickoff Returns	KO Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2008	26	547	21.0	35	0	0

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2008	13/0	5	34	6.8	20	1	6

Wright Game by Game

2008 Season

Game	Rush			Kick Rtn.	Yds.	TDs
	Att.	Yds.	TDs			
Bowling Green	0	0	0	3	52	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	1	24	0
Iowa	1	14	0	1	25	0
@Syracuse	0	0	0	3	56	0
@USF	0	0	0	0	0	0
@Navy	0	0	0	2	45	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	1	21	0
@Notre Dame	1	(-4)	0	0	0	0
Louisville	2	27	1	2	41	0
@Cincinnati	0	0	0	5	105	0
West Virginia	1	(-3)	0	4	101	0
@Connecticut	0	0	0	2	41	0
vs. Oregon State	0	0	0	2	36	0

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PITT ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

98	Chas Alecxih*.....DL	SO*	6-5	275	26 (D)	Aaron Hassett.....P	FR*	5-11	180	41	Andrew Taglianetti*.....DB	SO	5-11	175
	Lancaster, PA/Penn Manor					Moon Township, PA/Moon Area					Bridgeville, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic			
82	Jonathan Baldwin*.....WR	SO	6-5	220	23	Ronald Hobby*.....DB	FR*	5-10	175	43 (D)	Jonathan Taglianetti.....LB	FR*	6-0	205
	Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa					Washington, DC/Gwynn Park					Bridgeville, PA/South Fayette			
17	Aaron Berry***.....DB	SR	5-11	175	39	Jarred Holley.....DB	FR*	5-10	170	56	Joe Thomas***.....OL	SR	6-5	300
	Harrisburg, PA/Bishop McDevitt					Easton, PA/Easton Area					Cleveland, OH/St. Edward			
57	Craig Bokor*.....DL	SR*	6-3	290	64	Robb Houser*.....OL	SR	6-2	285	45	Tyler Tkach*.....DL	JR*	6-3	265
	Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell/Valley Forge Milit. Acad. (PA)					Chico, CA/Durham/Butte College (CA)					Slatington, PA/Northern Lehigh			
19	Pat Bostick**.....QB	JR	6-3	220	31 (D)	Dan Hutchins.....PK	JR*	5-11	190	53 (D)	Joe Trebitz.....LB	FR*	6-3	200
	Lancaster, PA/Manheim Township					Williamsport, PA/Loyalsock Township					Boca Raton, FL/West Boca Raton			
24 (D)	Luke Briggs*.....PK	JR*	5-9	180	27	Henry Hynoski*.....FB	SO*	6-2	250	90	Tony Tucker*.....DL	SO*	6-2	235
	Midland, MI/Herbert Henry Dow					Elysburg, PA/Southern Columbia Area					Bowie, MD/St. John's College (Washington D.C.)			
20	Irvan Brown***.....DB	SR*	6-0	205	21	Buddy Jackson*.....DB	SO*	6-0	175	88	Oderick Turner***.....WR	SR*	6-3	205
	Brewerton, NY/Paul V. Moore					Plantation, FL/Cypress Bay					Teaneck, NJ/Teaneck			
29	Chris Burns.....RB	FR*	5-11	190	54	Chris Jacobson.....OL	SO*	6-3	290	75	Ryan Turnley.....OL	FR*	6-6	300
	New Wilmington, PA/Wilmington Area					Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks					Hopewell, PA/Hopewell			
80	Nate Byham***.....TE	SR	6-3	255	4 (D)	Andrew Janocko*.....QB	SO*	6-1	200	92	Justin Virbitsky.....TE	FR*	6-4	240
	Franklin, PA/Franklin					Clearfield, PA/Clearfield Area					Jermyn, PA/Lakeland			
5	Dan Cafaro*.....DB	SR*	5-10	170	78	Derrell Jones.....DL	SR*	6-2	320	38	Greg Williams*.....LB	SO*	6-3	225
	Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair					Accokeek, Md./Westlake					Naples, FL/Barron Collier			
—	Joe Capp.....FB	JR*	5-10	220	63	Wayne Jones.....OL	SO*	6-2	315	36	Manny Williams.....LB	FR*	6-1	205
	Frisco, TX/Centennial					Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort					Clairton, PA/Clairton			
94	Myles Caragein*.....DL	SO*	6-2	275	53	Alex Karabin*.....OL	JR*	6-1	290	95	Mick Williams**.....DL	SR*	6-1	285
	Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks					Ruffs Dale, PA/Greensburg Central Catholic/Air Force Prep (CO)					Monessen, PA/Monessen			
7	Jovani Chappel***.....DB	SR	5-9	180	28	Dion Lewis.....RB	FR	5-8	190	35 (D)	Caleb Wilson.....WR	FR*	5-10	180
	Dayton, OH/Trotwood-Madison					Albany, N.Y./Blair Academy (N.J.)					Old Forge, PA/Lowellville			
92 (D)	Keith Coleman.....DL	FR*	6-4	300	35	Brandon Lindsey*.....FB	SO*	6-2	230	10	Aundre Wright*.....WR	SO*	5-11	180
	Bronx, NY/HS for Math, Science & Engineering at CCNY					Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa					Pittsburgh, PA/Perry Traditional Academy/Milford Acad. (NY)			
24	Kevin Collier*.....RB	JR*	5-11	195	74	John Malecki***.....OL	SR	6-3	280					
	Rochester, NY/Churchville-Chili					Murrysville, PA/Franklin Regional								
38 (D)	Pat Costello.....PK/P	FR*	5-11	175	69	Jared Martin.....OL	JR*	6-2	285					
	Greensburg, PA/Hempfield Area					Davie, FL/Western								
14	Greg Cross.....WR	SR	6-2	210	67	Dan Matha.....OL	SO*	6-6	285					
	Brunswick, GA/Glynn Academy/Fort Scott C.C. (KS)					Erie, PA/Erie McDowell								
85	Mike Cruz.....TE	FR*	6-5	270	1	Cedric McGee***.....WR	SR*	6-1	205					
	Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort					Fort Lauderdale, FL/Plantation								
—	Jeremiah Davis.....DB	FR*	5-10	185	15	Shane Murray**.....LB	SR*	6-1	220					
	Toledo, OH/Toledo Technology Academy					Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic								
31	Dom DeCicco**.....DB	JR	6-3	220	93	Gus Mustakas***.....DL	SR*	6-3	280					
	Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson					Cooper City, FL/Chaminade-Madonna Prep								
6	Steve Dell***.....LB	SR*	6-1	235	52	Lucas Nix*.....OL	SO	6-6	300					
	Fort Lauderdale, FL/Santaluces Community					Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson								
2	Dorin Dickerson***.....TE	SR	6-2	230	44	Nate Nix**.....LB	JR*	6-3	235					
	Imperial, PA/West Allegheny					Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson								
51	Tommie Duhart**.....DL	SR	6-4	290	78 (D)	Josh Novotny.....OL	SR*	6-3	275					
	Belle Glade, FL/Glades Central/Coffeyville C.C. (KS)					Carmichaels, PA/Carmichaels								
10 (D)	Justin Edwards.....DB	FR*	6-1	195	14 (D)	Marco Pecora.....DB	FR*	5-10	180					
	Harrison City, PA/Penn-Trafford					Johnstown, PA/Richland								
71	John Fieger.....OL	SO*	6-5	295	83	John Pelusi***.....TE	SR*	6-3	260					
	Red Hill, PA/Upper Perkiomen					Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic								
4	Elijah Fields**.....DB	JR*	6-2	220	77	Jason Pinkston**.....OL	JR*	6-4	300					
	Duquesne, PA/Duquesne					Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin								
48	Doug Fulmer*.....DL	SR*	6-4	255	9	T.J. Porter***.....WR	SR	6-1	195					
	Syracuse, NY/Henninger					Pahokee, FL/Pahokee								
26	Ricky Gary**.....DB	JR*	5-9	175	22	Antwuan Reed*.....DB	SO	5-10	180					
	Pahokee, FL/Pahokee					Johnstown, PA/Greater Johnstown								
60	Greg Gaskins.....OL	SO*	6-4	295	32	Tristan Roberts*.....LB	SO*	6-0	230					
	York, PA/William Penn					Perkasie, PA/Pennridge								
68	Jordan Gibbs.....OL	SO*	6-7	290	91	Greg Romeus**.....DL	JR*	6-5	265					
	Lancaster, PA/Penn Manor					Coral Springs, FL/Coral Glades								
49	Max Gruder*.....LB	SO*	6-2	235	5 (D)	Cameron Saddler.....WR	FR*	5-7	170					
	Charlotte, NC/Charlotte Country Day School					Monroeville, PA/Gateway								
8	Adam Gunn***.....LB	SR*	6-2	230	87	Mike Shanahan.....WR	FR*	6-5	220					
	Vandergrift, PA/Kiski Area					North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin								
46	Shayne Hale.....LB	FR*	6-4	240	97	Jabaal Sheard**.....DL	JR	6-4	250					
	Monroeville, PA/Gateway					Hollywood Hills, FL/Hollywood Hills								
96	Justin Hargrove*.....DL	SO*	6-3	250	3	Aaron Smith.....WR	SO*	6-0	180					
	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin					Monroeville, PA/Gateway								
47	Kevin Harper.....PK	FR*	5-10	170	11	Bill Stull**.....QB	SR*	6-3	215					
	Mentor, OH/Mentor					Pittsburgh, PA/Seton-LaSalle								
43	Shariff Harris*.....RB	SO*	6-1	215	16	Tino Sunseri.....QB	FR*	6-2	200					
	Newark, NJ/St. Peter's Prep School					Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic								

* following class denotes redshirt season

* following name denotes letters earned

(D) denotes duplicate number

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PITT NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Cedric McGee***	WR	SR*	6-1	205	36	Manny Williams	LB	FR*	6-1	205	87	Mike Shanahan	WR	FR*	6-5	220
	Fort Lauderdale, FL/Plantation						Clairton, PA/Clairton						North Huntingdon, PA/Norwin				
2	Dorin Dickerson***	TE	SR	6-2	230	38	Greg Williams*	LB	SO*	6-3	225	88	Oderick Turner***	WR	SR*	6-3	205
	Imperial, PA/West Allegheny						Naples, FL/Barron Collier						Teaneck, NJ/Teaneck				
3	Aaron Smith	WR	SO*	6-0	180	38 (D)	Pat Costello	PK/P	FR*	5-11	175	90	Tony Tucker*	DL	SO*	6-2	235
	Monroeville, PA/Gateway						Greensburg, PA/Hempfield Area						Bowie, MD/St. John's College (Washington D.C.)				
4	Elijah Fields**	DB	JR*	6-2	220	39	Jarred Holley	DB	FR*	5-10	170	91	Greg Romeus**	DL	JR*	6-5	265
	Duquesne, PA/Duquesne						Easton, PA/Easton Area						Coral Springs, FL/Coral Glades				
4 (D)	Andrew Janocko*	QB	SO*	6-1	200	41	Andrew Taglianetti*	DB	SO	5-11	175	92	Justin Virbitsky	TE	FR*	6-4	240
	Clearfield, PA/Clearfield Area						Bridgeville, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic						Jermyn, PA/Lakeland				
5	Dan Cafaro*	DB	SR*	5-10	170	43	Shariff Harris*	RB	SO*	6-1	215	92 (D)	Keith Coleman	DL	FR*	6-4	300
	Upper St. Clair, PA/Upper St. Clair						Newark, NJ/St. Peter's Prep School						Bronx, NY/HS for Math, Science & Engineering at CCNY				
5 (D)	Cameron Saddler	WR	FR*	5-7	170	43 (D)	Jonathan Taglianetti	LB	FR*	6-0	205	93	Gus Mustakas***	DL	SR*	6-3	280
	Monroeville, PA/Gateway						Bridgeville, PA/South Fayette						Cooper City, FL/Chaminade-Madonna Prep				
6	Steve Dell***	LB	SR*	6-1	235	44	Nate Nix**	LB	JR*	6-3	235	94	Myles Caragein*	DL	SO*	6-2	275
	Fort Lauderdale, FL/Santaluces Community						Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson						Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks				
7	Jovani Chappel***	DB	SR	5-9	180	45	Tyler Tkach**	DL	JR*	6-3	265	95	Mick Williams**	DL	SR*	6-1	285
	Dayton, OH/Trotwood-Madison						Slatington, PA/Northern Lehigh						Monessen, PA/Monessen				
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	Vandergrift, PA/Kiski Area						Monroeville, PA/Gateway						Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin				
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	Harrison City, PA/Penn-Trafford						Charlotte, NC/Charlotte Country Day School						Frisco, TX/Centennial				
11	Bill Stull**	QB	SR*	6-3	215	51	Tommie Duhart**	DL	SR	6-4	290	—	Jeremiah Davis	DB	FR*	5-10	185
	Pittsburgh, PA/Seton-LaSalle						Belle Glade, FL/Glades Central/Coffeyville C.C. (KS)						Toledo, OH/ Toledo Technology Academy				
14	Greg Cross	WR	SR	6-2	210	52	Lucas Nix*	OL	SO	6-6	300						
	Brunswick, GA/Glynn Academy/Fort Scott C.C. (KS)						Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson										
14 (D)	Marco Pecora	DB	FR*	5-10	180	53	Alex Karabin*	OL	JR*	6-1	290						
	Johnstown, PA/Richland						Ruffs Dale, PA/Greensburg Central Catholic/Air Force Prep (CO)										
15	Shane Murray**	LB	SR*	6-1	220	53 (D)	Joe Trebitz	LB	FR*	6-3	200						
	Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic						Boca Raton, FL/West Boca Raton										
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	Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic						Pittsburgh, PA/Keystone Oaks										
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	Lancaster, PA/Manheim Township						Aliquippa, PA/Hopewell/Valley Forge Milit. Acad. (PA)										
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	Plantation, FL/Cypress Bay						Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort										
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	Johnstown, PA/Greater Johnstown						Chico, CA/Durham/Butte College (CA)										
23	Ronald Hobby	DB	FR*	5-10	175	67	Dan Matha	OL	SO*	6-6	285						
	Washington, DC/Gwynn Park						Erie, PA/Erie McDowell										
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	Rochester, NY/Churchville-Chili						Lancaster, PA/Penn Manor										
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	Elysburg, PA/Southern Columbia Area						Hopewell, PA/Hopewell										
28	Dion Lewis	RB	FR	5-8	190	77	Jason Pinkston**	OL	JR*	6-4	300						
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	New Wilmington, PA/Wilmington Area						Accokeek, Md./Westlake										
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	Jefferson Hills, PA/Thomas Jefferson						Carmichaels, PA/Carmichaels										
31 (D)	Dan Hutchins	PK	JR*	5-11	190	80	Nate Byham***	TE	SR	6-3	255						
	Williamsport, PA/Loyalsock Township						Franklin, PA/Franklin										
32	Tristan Roberts*	LB	SO*	6-0	230	82	Jonathan Baldwin*	WR	SO	6-5	220						
	Perkasie, PA/Pennridge						Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa										
35	Brandon Lindsey*	FB	SO*	6-2	230	83	John Pelusi***	TE	SR*	6-3	260						
	Aliquippa, PA/Aliquippa						Pittsburgh, PA/Pittsburgh Central Catholic										
35 (D)	Caleb Wilson	WR	FR*	5-10	180	85	Mike Cruz	TE	FR*	6-5	270						
	Old Forge, PA/Lowellville						Johnstown, PA/Bishop McCort										

* following class denotes redshirt season

* following name denotes letters earned

(D) denotes duplicate number

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2009 RECRUITS

2009 Pitt Football Recruits

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School/Prep School
Kevin Adams	DB	6-1	205	Central Nyack, N.Y.	St. Joseph Regional (N.J.)
Brock DeCicco	TE	6-5	235	Jefferson Hills, Pa.	Thomas Jefferson
Fernando Diaz	OL	6-2	275	Bronx, N.Y.	Cardinal Hayes
Jason Douglas	RB	5-7	170	Weston, Fla.	Cypress Bay
Tyrone Ezell	DL	6-4	270	Munhall, Pa.	Steel Valley
Carl Fleming	LB	6-1	210	Reisterstown, Md.	Franklin Senior
Shane Gordon	LB	6-1	225	Weston, Fla.	Cypress Bay
Ray Graham	RB	5-9	185	Elizabeth, N.J.	Elizabeth
Kolby Gray	QB	6-2	185	Houston, Texas	Cypress Falls
Jason Hendricks	DB	6-0	190	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Hudson Catholic (N.J.)
Juantez Hollins	OL	6-5	270	Aliquippa, Pa.	Aliquippa
Cory King	OL	6-6	315	Stoneboro, Pa.	Lakeview
Dion Lewis*	RB	5-8	190	Albany, N.Y.	Blair Academy (N.J.)
Jack Lippert	DL	6-4	250	Harrisburg, Pa.	Central Dauphin
Dan Mason	LB	6-0	225	Penn Hills, Pa.	Penn Hills
Bernardo Nunez	DL	6-2	235	Hoboken, N.J.	Hoboken
Ryan Schlieper	OL	6-5	280	Wexford, Pa.	North Allegheny
Devin Street	WR	6-3	180	Bethlehem, Pa.	Liberty
Todd Thomas	WR	6-2	205	Beaver Falls, Pa.	Beaver Falls
Ed Tinker	WR	6-2	200	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Brashear/North Carolina Tech

*enrolled January '09

2009 Pitt Recruiting Class Breakdown

By Position:

Offensive Linemen — 4 (Fernando Diaz, Juantez Hollins, Cory King, Ryan Schlieper)

Defensive Linemen — 3 (Tyrone Ezell, Jack Lippert, Bernardo Nunez)

Wide Receivers — 3 (Devin Street, Todd Thomas, Ed Tinker)

Linebackers — 3 (Carl Fleming, Shane Gordon, Dan Mason)

Defensive Backs — 2 (Kevin Adams, Jason Hendricks)

Running Backs — 3 (Jason Douglas, Ray Graham, Dion Lewis)

Quarterbacks — 1 (Kolby Gray)

Tight Ends — 1 (Brock DeCicco)

By State:

Pennsylvania — 10 (TE Brock DeCicco, DL Tyrone Ezell, OL Juantez Hollins, OL Cory King, DL Jack Lippert, LB Dan Mason, OL Ryan Schlieper, WR Devin Street, WR Todd Thomas, WR Ed Tinker)

New Jersey — 5 (DB Kevin Adams, RB Ray Graham, DB Jason Hendricks, RB Dion Lewis, DL Bernardo Nunez)

Florida — 2 (RB Jason Douglas, LB Shane Gordon)

New York — 1 (OL Fernando Diaz)

Maryland — 1 (LB Carl Fleming)

Texas — 1 (QB Kolby Gray)

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2009 RECRUITS

Kevin Adams, DB, 6-1, 205, Central Nyack, N.Y., St. Joseph Regional (N.J.)

Two-way standout for New Jersey power St. Joseph Regional as an outside linebacker and running back...All-Northern New Jersey Interscholastic League (NNJIL)...collected 51 tackles, three sacks and two interceptions as a senior...led team with nine rushing touchdowns and scored 12 total TDs (three receiving), helping St. Joseph average more than 40 points per game...totaled 1,170 rushing yards over his junior and senior seasons...averaged more than seven yards per carry as a senior and six yards per attempt his junior year...led team to an 11-1 record and the Non-Public Group 3 state championship as a senior...team went 9-2 and advanced to the state title game his junior year...PrepStar All-East Region...rated one of the top 30 prospects in New Jersey by Rivals...played under Coach Tony Karcich.

Brock DeCicco, TE, 6-5, 235, Jefferson Hills, Pa., Thomas Jefferson

Considered one of the country's top tight end prospects...joins Pitt's growing pipeline from perennial state power Thomas Jefferson...SuperPrep and Tom Lemming All-American...rated the country's No. 7 tight end by Scout, No. 10 by SuperPrep and No. 14 by Rivals...named to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AAA All-State Team (first team)...Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Fabulous 22"...Pittsburgh Tribune-Review "Terrific 25"... Harrisburg Patriot-News "Platinum 33"...selected to play in the Big 33 Football Classic...finalist for the Pittsburgh Athletic Association's Mercury Award, annually presented to the region's top high school football player...helped lead Thomas Jefferson to a three-year mark of 45-2 (.957), back-to-back PIAA Class AAA championships and three consecutive WPIAL titles...as a senior DeCicco had 24 catches for 542 yards (22.6 avg.) and 11 touchdowns...as a rush defensive end, had five sacks, seven batted passes and two interceptions...over his final two seasons he compiled 43 receptions for 935 yards (21.7 avg.) and 17 TDs...PrepStar All-East Region...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...rated the No. 10 overall prospect in Pennsylvania by SuperPrep and No. 12 by Rivals...played under Coach Bill Cherpak, who was a standout offensive lineman for Pitt from 1985-89...Brock joins his brother Dom, a junior safety at Pitt and former T.J. star...the Panthers also have another brother tandem from Thomas Jefferson, junior linebacker Nate Nix and sophomore offensive lineman Lucas Nix.

Fernando Diaz, OL, 6-2, 275, Bronx, N.Y., Cardinal Hayes

Powerful offensive lineman considered one of the top 10 prospects in the state of New York...won the heavyweight title at the 2008 AthElite National High School Strongman Championship, where among other tasks he pushed an SUV 50 yards in 18 seconds...three-year starter at offensive tackle for Cardinal Hayes, the same high school that produced Pittsburgh Steelers offensive tackle Willie Colon...All-Catholic High School Football League (CHSFL)...first team All-New York City...FiveBoroSports.com first team All-Bronx/Manhattan...rated the No. 8 prospect in the state of New York by Rivals and No. 10 by SuperPrep...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...PrepStar All-East Region...played under Coach C.J. O'Neil.

Jason Douglas, RB, 5-7, 170, Weston, Fla., Cypress Bay

Speedy all-purpose back who played for one of Florida's top 6A (largest classification) programs...rushed for 1,048 yards on 181 carries (5.79 avg.) as a senior at Cypress Bay...scored 15 total TDs, including 13 rushing...averaged an impressive 30.5 yards per kickoff return (15 returns for 458 yards) and had a 99-yard kick return for a touchdown...All-Broward County...helped Cypress Bay to a combined 20-4 mark (.833) over his final two seasons, including back-to-back 6A District 11 championships...selected to play in the Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game...rated one of the country's top 50 all-purpose players by Rivals...joins linebacker Shane Gordon as one of two Cypress Bay players to sign with Pitt this year...sophomore defensive back Buddy Jackson is another Cypress Bay product at Pitt...played under Coach Mark Guandolo.

Tyrone Ezell, DL, 6-4, 270, Munhall, Pa., Steel Valley

Tom Lemming and SuperPrep All-America defensive lineman...Lemming called Ezell "the No. 1 DL prospect in the state of Pennsylvania"...named to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AA All-State Team (first team)...Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Fabulous 22"...Pittsburgh Tribune-Review "Terrific 25"... Harrisburg Patriot-News "Platinum 33"...first team All-Century Conference...three-year starter who led Steel Valley to two WPIAL Class AA playoff berths...starter at both defensive tackle and offensive guard his final two seasons...rated the No. 10 overall prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals and No. 12 by SuperPrep...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...PrepStar All-East Region...rated one of the country's top 40 defensive tackle prospects by Rivals...rated the nation's No. 21 defensive end prospect by Scout...played under Coach Ray Braszo.

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2009 RECRUITS

Carl Fleming, LB, 6-1, 210, Reisterstown, Md., Franklin Senior

One of the top prospects in the Baltimore/District of Columbia area...two-way standout who rushed for nearly 2,400 yards and picked off nine passes his final two years at Franklin Senior...played diverse roles on offense...in addition to being a workhorse at running back, also played receiver and quarterback...was a cornerback and safety on defense...rushed for 1,300 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior...also collected 74 tackles and three interceptions...as a junior, rushed for 1,099 yards and 15 touchdowns, while compiling 50 tackles and six interceptions...two-way selection (running back and linebacker) on Baltimore County Coaches' All-County Team...Baltimore Sun All-Metro...named the Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year for the state of Maryland...SuperPrep All-Mid Atlantic Team...first player in Franklin history to sign with a Division I-A (Football Bowl Subdivision) school...played under Coach Anthony Burgos...selected to play in the Maryland Crab Bowl All-Star Game (Baltimore vs. D.C.).

Shane Gordon, LB, 6-1, 225, Weston, Fla., Cypress Bay

All-Florida 6A (largest classification) linebacker who compiled 150 tackles and 15 sacks over his final two seasons at Cypress Bay...had 87 tackles, nine tackles for loss, six sacks and four forced fumbles as a senior...averaged 7.7 yards per carry as a fullback, netting 146 yards with two touchdowns on 19 carries...All-Broward County...selected to play in the Dade vs. Broward All-Star Game...helped Cypress Bay to a combined 20-4 mark (.833) over his final two seasons, including back-to-back 6A District 11 championships...SuperPrep All-Dixie Team...rated one of the top 105 players in Florida by SuperPrep...PrepStar All-Southeast Region...a four-year varsity starter, including his junior and senior seasons at Cypress Bay...started as a freshman and sophomore at Chaminade-Madonna High...joins running back Jason Douglas as one of two Cypress Bay players to sign with Pitt this year...sophomore defensive back Buddy Jackson is another Cypress Bay product at Pitt...played under Coach Mark Guandolo.

Ray Graham, RB, 5-9, 185, Elizabeth, N.J., Elizabeth

Big-play all-purpose back who earned PrepStar All-America honors...rated one of the top five prospects in New Jersey and the country's No. 11 all-purpose back by Rivals...first team All-New Jersey Group 4...first team All-Union County...Union County Player of the Year...New Jersey Top 100...rushed for 1,592 yards and averaged nine yards per carry at Elizabeth...scored 24 touchdowns to lead Union County with 144 points...13 of his TDs came on plays of 40 yards or longer, while eight came on plays of 60 yards or more...sat out the entire fourth quarter in six of Elizabeth's 10 games...saw limited time as a junior due to a preseason collarbone injury but returned late in the year and rushed for 750 yards and scored 12 touchdowns in Elizabeth's final four games...rushed for 1,290 yards and 13 TDs as a sophomore...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...rated the No. 14 prospect in New Jersey by SuperPrep...played under Coach Chet Parlavechio.

Kolby Gray, QB, 6-2, 185, Houston, Texas, Cypress Falls

Texas dual-threat quarterback who threw for nearly 5,000 yards and rushed for more than 1,300 over his final two seasons at Cypress Falls...was a 1,000-yard passer and rusher his senior season...threw for 1,492 yards while completing 57% of his passes (122 of 214)...rushed for 1,006, averaging 5.6 per carry...accounted for 22 total touchdowns (13 rushing and nine passing)...as a junior Gray threw for 3,350 yards with 32 TDs and only five interceptions...completed 59.7% of his passes as a junior (190 of 318) and rushed for 300 yards and four TDs on 75 carries (4.0 avg.)...All-District 15-5A...Touchdown Club of Houston Offensive Player of the Year finalist...5A Texas Football All-State (third team)...led team to a 9-3 record and 6-1 mark in District 15-5A play his junior year, helping Cypress Falls advance to the second round of the 5A Region III playoffs...rated the country's No. 28 dual-threat quarterback by Rivals...played under Coach David Raffield.

Jason Hendricks, DB, 6-0, 190, Brooklyn, N.Y., Hudson Catholic (N.J.)

Highly productive prospect on both sides of the ball...compiled 1,790 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns as a senior running back...at outside linebacker Hendricks collected 110 tackles...second-leading scorer in the state...All-New Jersey Non-Public...Hudson County Football Coaches Association Player of the Year and Offensive Back of the Year...The Star Ledger Hudson County Player of the Year...Hudson Reporter All-Area and Area Most Valuable Player...All-American Conference...led Hudson Catholic to the Non-Public Group II championship final and four playoff berths overall during his varsity career...played under Coach Rob Stern.

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2009 RECRUITS

Juantez Hollins, OL, 6-5, 270, Aliquippa, Pa., Aliquippa

Four-year starter at offensive tackle for perennial power Aliquippa...named to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AA All-State Team (first team)...Pittsburgh Tribune-Review "Terrific 25"... Harrisburg Patriot-News "Platinum 33"...first team All-Midwestern Conference...the Quips produced a 1,000-yard rusher each of Hollins' four seasons as a starting offensive lineman...also started at defensive tackle as a senior and compiled 71 tackles, 12 tackles for loss and an interception...led team to a 12-3 record his final year, including the WPIAL Class AA championship and berth in the semifinals of the PIAA playoffs...Aliquippa went 42-7 (.857) during his varsity career, including WPIAL playoff berths each season...PrepStar All-East Region...rated Pennsylvania's No 23 overall prospect by Rivals...Hollins is the latest in a long line of Aliquippa products to sign with Pitt, joining two current Panthers in receiver Jonathan Baldwin and linebacker Brandon Lindsey...other notable Quips to play at Pitt include NFL first-rounders in end Mike Ditka (1958-60), defensive lineman Sean Gilbert (1989-91) and defensive back Darrelle Revis (2004-06)...played under Coach Mike Zmijanac.

Cory King, OL, 6-6, 315, Stoneboro, Pa., Lakeview

Four-year starter on the offensive line, playing tackle and guard for Lakeview...also a three-year starter at defensive tackle...first team All-Region 1 on both sides of the ball...Erie Times-News All-District 10 Team...Pennsylvania Football News All-Class A (third team)...PrepStar All-East Region...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...rated the No. 26 prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals and No. 33 by SuperPrep...rated one of the nation's top 40 offensive tackle prospects by Scout...played under Coach Dan York.

Dion Lewis, RB, 5-8, 190, Albany, N.Y., Blair Academy (N.J.)

A December graduate who enrolled at Pitt in January...will participate in spring drills...rated one of the country's top 20 all-purpose backs by Rivals...New Jersey Prep Offensive Player of the Year...Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) Offensive Player of the Year...first team All-New Jersey Prep and All-MAPL...averaged an astounding 14.1 yards per carry his senior season at Blair Academy, rushing for 1,243 yards on 88 carries...eclipsed the 250-yard rushing mark four times as a senior...scored 26 total touchdowns, including 23 rushing, two on punt returns and one receiving...averaged 12.4 yards per carry as a junior, rushing for 979 yards on 79 carries with 14 TDs...led team to a 17-1 record (.944) his final two seasons, including two MAPL championships and a New Jersey Prep state title...PrepStar All-East Region...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...rated the No. 14 prospect in New Jersey by Rivals and No. 18 by SuperPrep...played under Coach Jim Stone.

Jack Lippert, DL, 6-4, 250, Harrisburg, Pa., Central Dauphin

Tom Lemming and PrepStar All-America defensive lineman who excelled as a pass rusher at Central Dauphin...rated the country's No. 9 weakside defensive end prospect by Rivals...named to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AAAA All-State Team (second team)...first-team All-Mid-Penn Commonwealth selection as both an offensive and defensive lineman...led Mid-Penn Commonwealth with 11 sacks...also blocked three kicks as a senior...over his junior and senior seasons, Lippert compiled 110 total tackles and 19 sacks...three-year starter on both sides of the ball, playing defensive end, tight end and, as a senior, offensive guard and tackle...led team to a three-year mark of 24-11 (.686) and three berths in the District 3-AAAA playoffs...played under Coach Glen McNamee...rated the No. 7 player in Pennsylvania by Rivals and No. 29 by SuperPrep...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...selected to play in the 2008 Offense-Defense All-American Bowl, a national all-star game in Myrtle Beach, S.C....also selected to play in the Big 33 Football Classic.

Dan Mason, LB, 6-0, 225, Penn Hills, Pa., Penn Hills

SuperPrep and PrepStar All-American who compiled more than 200 tackles over his junior and senior seasons at Penn Hills...rated the country's No. 8 middle linebacker prospect by Scout...named to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AAAA All-State Team (first team)...Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Fabulous 22"...Pittsburgh Tribune-Review "Terrific 25"... Harrisburg Patriot-News "Platinum 33"...as a senior Mason had over 100 tackles with 10 sacks, three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery...three-year starter who led Penn Hills to a combined 24-11 (.686) mark and three trips to the WPIAL Class AAAA playoffs, including a title game berth as a sophomore...in addition to linebacker, was also a tough blocker as a starting fullback...linebacker MVP at the State College NIKE Camp...rated one of the country's top 20 linebacker prospects by Rivals and SuperPrep...rated the No. 6 overall prospect in Pennsylvania by SuperPrep and No. 8 by Rivals...played under Coach Ron Graham...selected to play in the Big 33 Football Classic.

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Bernardo Nunez, DL, 6-2, 235, Hoboken, N.J., Hoboken

Enjoyed a decorated career as a four-year starter on the defensive line for Hoboken...All-New Jersey Group I and The Star Ledger first team All-New Jersey...first team Hudson County Interscholastic Athletic Association Coaches Team...Hudson County Defensive Player of the Year...three-time Jersey Journal All-County Team selection...had 127 tackles, 10 sacks, five fumble recoveries and two tackles for safeties as a senior...over his final two years Nunez collected 236 tackles and 20 sacks...Hoboken went 35-10 (.778) during his varsity career and advanced to the playoffs each of his four seasons...his senior year, led team to the North Jersey Section 2, Group I title game in Giants Stadium and an 8-4 overall record...rated the No. 15 overall prospect in New Jersey by SuperPrep and No. 19 by Rivals...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...PrepStar All-East Region...played under Coach Lou Taglieri.

Ryan Schlieper, OL, 6-5, 280, Wexford, Pa., North Allegheny

Named to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AAAA All-State Team (first team)...Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Fabulous 22"...Harrisburg Patriot-News "Platinum 33"...played both left and right offensive tackle as a senior...led North Allegheny to a combined 17-6 mark (.739) his final two seasons, including consecutive trips to the WPIAL Class AAAA playoffs...team went 11-1 his junior year, capturing the Northern Six conference title and advancing to the WPIAL semifinals...rated the No. 28 prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals and SuperPrep...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...PrepStar All-East Region...Ryan's father, Rich Schlieper, was a Major League Baseball pitcher...played under Coach Art Walker Jr.

Devin Street, WR, 6-3, 180, Bethlehem, Pa., Liberty

One of Pennsylvania's top receiver prospects...compiled 49 receptions for 822 yards (16.8 avg.) and eight touchdowns as a senior, the second most prolific receiving season in Liberty history...had two interceptions as a starting cornerback...named to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AAAA All-State Team (second team)...The Morning Call All-Area (first team)...led Liberty to a 15-1 record and the PIAA Class AAAA championship...had a key TD in the team's 28-21 overtime victory in the title game vs. Bethel Park...rated the No. 22 prospect in Pennsylvania by SuperPrep and No. 35 by Rivals...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...PrepStar All-East Region...played under Coach Tim Moncman...selected to play in the Big 33 Football Classic.

Todd Thomas, WR, 6-2, 205, Beaver Falls, Pa., Beaver Falls

Multi-faceted talent at Beaver Falls who is rated one of the country's top 100 prospects by Tom Lemming (No. 68)...Tom Lemming and PrepStar All-American...earned praise for his play at running back, wide receiver, defensive back and linebacker...three-year Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AA All-State Team honoree at three different positions...his senior year Thomas earned first team all-state as a receiver...was a second-team all-state running back his junior year and a first-team all-state defensive back as a sophomore...Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Fabulous 22"...Pittsburgh Tribune-Review "Terrific 25"...Harrisburg Patriot-News "Platinum 33"...three-time "Top 22" selection on both offense and defense by the coaches in the Midwestern Athletic Conference...compiled 2,786 rushing yards on 366 carries (7.6 avg.) and scored 53 total touchdowns for his career...rushed for 865 yards on 121 carries (7.1 avg.) and caught 21 passes for 557 yards (26.5 avg.) as a senior...led his team to a 12-1 record his final year, including a berth in the WPIAL Class AA title game...rated the No. 6 prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals and No. 18 by SuperPrep...SuperPrep All-Northeast Team...played under Coach Ryan Matsook...also a four-year starter in basketball and career 2,000-point scorer...twice earned Associated Press All-State honors in basketball.

Ed Tinker, WR, 6-2, 200, Pittsburgh, Pa., Brashear, North Carolina Tech

Standout receiver-defensive back who was the Pittsburgh City League's top college prospect in 2007-08 at Brashear High...spent subsequent year at North Carolina Tech and will join Pitt with freshman eligibility for the 2009 season...facing largely collegiate competition at North Carolina Tech, averaged an incredible 29.2 yards per catch...had 21 receptions for 613 yards and six touchdowns in helping the Tigers to a 12-1 mark...played under NC Tech coach Tim Newman...as a senior at Brashear had 26 receptions for 443 yards (17.0 avg.) and seven TDs...returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the same game against Langley (40 and 54 yards)...was named to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AAAA All-State Team (second team)...led Brashear to a 12-1 record, the City League title and the PIAA Class AAAA playoffs his senior year...Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Fabulous 22"...Harrisburg Patriot-News "Platinum 33"...played under Brashear coach Ron Wabby.

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2008 STATISTICS

Team Statistics	PITT	OPP
SCORING	352	279
Points Per Game	27.1	21.5
FIRST DOWNS	239	217
Rushing	101	95
Passing	118	103
Penalty	20	19
RUSHING YARDAGE	1808	1614
Yards gained rushing	2186	1998
Yards lost rushing	378	384
Rushing Attempts	492	451
Average Per Rush	3.7	3.6
Average Per Game	139.1	124.2
TDs Rushing	29	14
PASSING YARDAGE	2644	2509
Att-Comp-Int	381-213-14	396-215-16
Average Per Pass	6.9	6.3
Average Per Catch	12.4	11.7
Average Per Game	203.4	193.0
TDs Passing	10	19
TOTAL OFFENSE	4452	4123
Total Plays	873	847
Average Per Play	5.1	4.9
Average Per Game	342.5	317.2
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	54-1096	65-1213
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	32-295	21-108
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	16-162	14-319
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.3	18.7
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.2	5.1
INT RETURN AVERAGE	10.1	22.8
FUMBLES-LOST	23-13	18-8
PENALTIES-Yards	57-440	73-624
Average Per Game	33.8	48.0
PUNTS-Yards	63-2525	72-2929
Average Per Punt	40.1	40.7
Net punt average	37.1	35.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:22	28:38
3RD-DOWN Conversions	63/181	64/187
3rd-Down Pct	35%	34%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	13/19	8/19
4th-Down Pct	68%	42%
SACKS BY-Yards	33-229	32-177
MISC YARDS	52	-3
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	42	35
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	20-24	13-20
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-1	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	41-45 91%	28-35 80%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	27-45 60%	21-35 60%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	38-38 100%	30-34 88%
ATTENDANCE	296113	271254
Games/Avg Per Game	6/49352	6/45209
Neutral Site Games		1/49037

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
PITT	79	88	51	122	12	352
Opponents	54	91	78	47	9	279

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2008 STATISTICS

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
McCOY, LeSean	13	308	1571	83	1488	4.8	21	58	114.5
STEPHENS-HOWLING	13	77	339	27	312	4.1	5	29	24.0
COLLINS, Conredge	13	21	93	8	85	4.0	0	25	6.5
WRIGHT, Aundre	13	5	41	7	34	6.8	1	20	2.6
COLLIER, Kevin	2	4	26	1	25	6.2	0	19	12.5
DICKERSON, Dorin	13	2	25	0	25	12.5	0	16	1.9
HARRIS, Shariff	13	12	23	2	21	1.8	0	4	1.6
CROSS, Greg	2	4	25	10	15	3.8	1	17	7.5
KINDER, Derek	13	2	9	0	9	4.5	0	8	0.7
BALDWIN, J.	13	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
HYNOSKI, Henry	5	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
PORTER, T.J.	13	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.2
SMITH, Kevan	1	1	0	3	-3	-3.0	0	0	-3.0
McGEE, Cedric	13	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0	-0.4
TEAM	9	10	0	35	-35	-3.5	0	0	-3.9
BOSTICK, Pat	6	7	1	37	-36	-5.1	0	1	-6.0
STULL, Bill	12	35	24	160	-136	-3.9	1	11	-11.3
Total	13	492	2186	378	1808	3.7	29	58	139.1
Opponents	13	451	1998	384	1614	3.6	14	57	124.2

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
STULL, Bill	12	119.88	188-330-10	57.0	2356	9	64	196.3
BOSTICK, Pat	6	97.51	22-41-4	53.7	270	1	37	45.0
SMITH, Kevan	1	44.53	1-3-0	33.3	4	0	4	4.0
TEAM	9	0.00	0-3-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
McCOY, LeSean	13	108.80	1-2-0	50.0	14	0	14	1.1
JANOCKO, Andrew	13	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
BRYTUS, Dave	13	100.00	1-1-0	100.0	0	0	0	0.0
CROSS, Greg	2	0.00	0-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	13	115.51	213-381-14	55.9	2644	10	64	203.4
Opponents	13	115.27	215-396-16	54.3	2509	19	79	193.0

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
KINDER, Derek	13	36	422	11.7	3	61	32.5
McCOY, LeSean	13	32	305	9.5	0	34	23.5
PORTER, T.J.	13	25	357	14.3	0	64	27.5
McGEE, Cedric	13	23	201	8.7	0	17	15.5
TURNER, Oderick	13	21	298	14.2	1	38	22.9
BYHAM, Nate	13	20	260	13.0	1	34	20.0
BALDWIN, J.	13	18	404	22.4	3	60	31.1
DICKERSON, Dorin	13	13	174	13.4	2	41	13.4
STEPHENS-HOWLING	13	11	109	9.9	0	16	8.4
COLLINS, Conredge	13	9	77	8.6	0	18	5.9
PELUSI, John	13	5	37	7.4	0	15	2.8
Total	13	213	2644	12.4	10	64	203.4
Opponents	13	215	2509	11.7	19	79	193.0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
PORTER, T.J.	16	184	11.5	0	36
BERRY, Aaron	14	76	5.4	0	24
TAGLIANETTI, A.	1	22	22.0	0	0
TOERPER, Michael	1	13	13.0	0	0
Total	32	295	9.2	0	36
Opponents	21	108	5.1	1	26

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
DeCICCO, Dom	4	0	0.0	0	0
BERRY, Aaron	3	66	22.0	0	52
WILLIAMS, Greg	2	61	30.5	1	41
McKILLOP, Scott	2	18	9.0	1	18
CHAPPEL, Jovani	2	17	8.5	0	14
RANSOM, Austin	1	0	0.0	0	0
BOKOR, Craig	1	0	0.0	0	0
THATCHER, Eric	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	16	162	10.1	2	52
Opponents	14	319	22.8	0	91

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
WRIGHT, Aundre	26	547	21.0	0	35
STEPHENS-HOWLING	23	493	21.4	0	34
COLLINS, Conredge	2	20	10.0	0	12
TURNER, Oderick	1	9	9.0	0	9
HARRIS, Shariff	1	11	11.0	0	11
McCOY, LeSean	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	54	1096	20.3	0	35
Opponents	65	1213	18.7	1	90

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
GARY, Ricky	1	3	3.0	1	3
Total	1	3	3.0	1	3
Opponents	4	9	2.2	0	6

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Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dpx	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
McCOY,LeSean	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126
LEE,Conor	-	20-24	38-38	-	-	-	-	-	98
STEPHENS-HOWLING	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
BALDWIN,J.	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	20
KINDER,Derek	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
DICKERSON,Dorin	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
CROSS,Greg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
WRIGHT,Aundre	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
STULL,Bill	1	-	-	0-1	-	1-3	-	-	6
BYHAM,Nate	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
McKILLOP,Scott	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
TURNER,Oderick	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
WILLIAMS,Greg	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
GARY,Ricky	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	42	20-24	38-38	0-1	1	1-3	-	-	352
Opponents	35	13-20	30-34	0-1	-	-	-	-	279

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
STULL,Bill	12	365	-136	2356	2220	185.0
McCOY,LeSean	13	310	1488	14	1502	115.5
STEPHENS-HOWLING	13	77	312	0	312	24.0
BOSTICK,Pat	6	48	-36	270	234	39.0
COLLINS,Conredge	13	21	85	0	85	6.5
WRIGHT,Aundre	13	5	34	0	34	2.6
COLLIER,Kevin	2	4	25	0	25	12.5
DICKERSON,Dorin	13	2	25	0	25	1.9
HARRIS,Shariff	13	12	21	0	21	1.6
CROSS,Greg	2	4	15	0	15	7.5
KINDER,Derek	13	2	9	0	9	0.7
BALDWIN,J.	13	1	4	0	4	0.3
HYNOSKI,Henry	5	1	3	0	3	0.6
PORTER,T.J.	13	1	2	0	2	0.2
SMITH,Kevan	1	4	-3	4	1	1.0
McGEE,Cedric	13	1	-5	0	-5	-0.4
TEAM	9	13	-35	0	-35	-3.9
Total	13	873	1808	2644	4452	342.5
Opponents	13	847	1614	2509	4123	317.2

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
LEE,Conor	20-24	83.3	1-1	7-7	6-6	6-9	0-1	44	0

FG Sequence	PITT	Opponents
Bowling Green	(36),42	-
Buffalo	(21),(42)	44,(35)
Iowa	-	(26),35,(39)
Syracuse	(40),(43),(44),(25)	(25)
USF	(35),(31)	42
Navy	-	-
RUTGERS	45,(43),(40)	-
Notre Dame	(35),(22),(32),(26),(22)	(39),(22),(26),(48),38
Louisville	(30),(19)	-
Cincinnati	-	50
West Virginia	40	(20),(26),(40)
Connecticut	(21),(21)	53,(45)
Oregon State	57	(44),37

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
BRYTUS,Dave	60	2443	40.7	60	4	20	22	8	1
HUTCHINS,Dan	2	82	41.0	47	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	63	2525	40.1	60	4	20	22	8	1
Opponents	72	2929	40.7	79	5	16	22	13	4

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
BRIGGS,Luke	66	4090	62.0	3	1			
LEE,Conor	3	181	60.3	0	0			
Total	69	4271	61.9	3	1	18.7	43.4	26
Opponents	56	3388	60.5	2	1	20.3	40.2	29

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

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All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
McCOY,LeSean	13	1488	305	0	16	0	1809	139.2
STEPHENS-HO	13	312	109	0	493	0	914	70.3
WRIGHT,Aundr	13	34	0	0	547	0	581	44.7
PORTER,T.J.	13	2	357	184	0	0	543	41.8
KINDER,Derek	13	9	422	0	0	0	431	33.2
BALDWIN,J.	13	4	404	0	0	0	408	31.4
TURNER,Oderic	13	0	298	0	9	0	307	23.6
BYHAM,Nate	13	0	260	0	0	0	260	20.0
DICKERSON,Do	13	25	174	0	0	0	199	15.3
McGEE,Cedric	13	-5	201	0	0	0	196	15.1
COLLINS,Conre	13	85	77	0	20	0	182	14.0
BERRY,Aaron	13	0	0	76	0	66	142	10.9
WILLIAMS,Greg	13	0	0	0	0	61	61	4.7
PELUSI,John	13	0	37	0	0	0	37	2.8
HARRIS,Shariff	13	21	0	0	11	0	32	2.5
COLLIER,Kevin	2	25	0	0	0	0	25	12.5
TAGLIANETTI,A	13	0	0	22	0	0	22	1.7
McKILLOP,Scott	13	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.4
CHAPPEL,Jova	13	0	0	0	0	17	17	1.3
CROSS,Greg	2	15	0	0	0	0	15	7.5
TOERPER,Mich	13	0	0	13	0	0	13	1.0
HYNOSKI,Henry	5	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.6
SMITH,Kevan	1	-3	0	0	0	0	-3	-3.0
TEAM	9	-35	0	0	0	0	-35	-3.9
BOSTICK,Pat	6	-36	0	0	0	0	-36	-6.0
STULL,Bill	12	-136	0	0	0	0	-136	-11.3
Total	13	1808	2644	295	1096	162	6005	461.9
Opponents	13	1614	2509	108	1213	319	5763	443.3

PITT GAME-BY-GAME 2008

Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conference	Time	Attend
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L	17-27	0-1	0-0	3:34	45063
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W	27-16	1-1	0-0	3:05	42494
09/20/08	IOWA	W	21-20	2-1	0-0	3:08	50321
*09/27/08	at Syracuse	W	34-24	3-1	1-0	3:00	27549
*10/02/08	at USF	W	26-21	4-1	2-0	3:35	50307
10/18/08	at Navy	W	42-21	5-1	2-0	3:00	37970
*10/25/08	RUTGERS	L	34-54	5-2	2-1	3:27	51161
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	Wo	36-33	6-2	2-1	4:01	80795
*11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W	41-7	7-2	3-1	3:11	44055
*11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L	21-28	7-3	3-2	3:18	35098
*11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W	19-15	8-3	4-2	3:11	63019
*12/06/08	at Connecticut	W	34-10	9-3	5-2	3:10	39535
12/31/08	vs Oregon State	L	0-3	9-4	5-2	3:29	49037

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##	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
40	McKILLOP, Scott	13	82	55	137	17.5-62	4.0-37	2-18	4	5	.	.	.	.
86	RANSOM, Austin	13	45	44	89	8.5-26	2.5-16	1-0	.	5	.	1	.	.
28	THATCHER, Eric	13	44	20	64	1.5-3	.	1-0	5	.	.	1	.	.
31	DeCICCO, Dom	13	38	18	56	.	.	4-0	7	.	1-0	1	.	.
50	DUNCAN, Rashaad	13	33	22	55	5.5-19	1.5-11	.	2	3	.	.	.	.
91	ROMEUS, Greg	13	27	24	51	15.5-81	7.5-56	.	3	5	1-0	1	3	.
38	WILLIAMS, Greg	13	29	18	47	6.5-27	3.5-19	2-61	4	3	.	.	1	.
7	CHAPPEL, Jovani	13	31	14	45	1.0-3	.	2-17	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
97	SHEARD, Jabaal	13	25	20	45	10.5-56	5.5-39	.	7	11	1-0	1	.	.
17	BERRY, Aaron	13	31	10	41	3.5-9	1.0-4	3-66	10	.	.	.	1	.
95	WILLIAMS, Mick	12	18	7	25	8.5-54	4.5-36	.	4	7	.	.	.	.
4	FIELDS, Elijah	12	13	5	18	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
44	NIX, Nate	13	8	6	14	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
93	MUSTAKAS, Gus	13	9	5	14	2.0-11	1.0-8	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
26	GARY, Ricky	12	9	3	12	.	.	.	4	.	1-3	.	.	.
16	KAISER, Brian	13	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	CARAGEIN, Myles	12	3	6	9	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	TAGLIANETTI, A.	13	7	2	9	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	3	.
34	STEPHENS-HOWLING,	13	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	REED, Antwuan	9	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
32	ROBERTS, Tristan	13	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	DELL, Steve	13	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	TOERPER, Michael	13	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
49	GRUDER, Max	13	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	TUCKER, Tony	13	2	2	4	1.0-2	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
8	GUNN, Adam	1	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
51	DUHART, Tommie	7	2	1	3	0.5-0	.	.	1	1	.	.	1	.
70	WILLIAMS, Dom	13	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	BROWN, Irvan	8	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	ESTERMYER, Mark	13	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	THOMAS, Joe	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
74	MALECKI, John	13	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	McCOY, LeSean	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	CAFARO, Dan	11	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	McGEE, Cedric	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98	ALEXIH, Chas	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	TURNER, Oderick	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
57	BOKOR, Craig	3	.	1	1	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
83	PELUSI, John	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	TKACH, Tyler	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	HARGROVE, Justin	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		13	495	321	816	83-355	33-229	16-162	54	42	8-3	9	10	.
Opponents		13	524	351	875	86-330	32-177	14-319	42	54	13-9	16	1	.

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TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Rtrns				Punt Rtrns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	35	129	1	27	29	264	1	18	29-51-1	264	1	18	5	81	0	22	3	20	0	12	393
09/06/08	BUFFALO	31	111	3	18	22	241	0	36	22-34-1	241	0	36	4	90	0	26	2	12	0	8	352
09/20/08	IOWA	37	130	3	27	11	129	0	28	11-25-1	129	0	28	4	96	0	26	2	-5	0	0	259
09/27/08	at Syracuse	46	241	2	34	17	166	1	20	17-29-0	166	1	20	4	78	0	23	2	30	0	24	407
10/02/08	at USF	45	146	2	26	17	228	1	52	17-28-0	228	1	52	3	64	0	23	1	15	0	15	374
10/18/08	at Navy	42	244	5	58	15	255	1	60	15-23-2	255	1	60	4	88	0	34	3	4	0	6	499
10/25/08	RUTGERS	34	138	4	33	22	348	0	64	22-34-1	348	0	64	9	173	0	30	1	0	0	4	486
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	47	178	2	21	15	168	1	37	15-30-3	168	1	37	4	74	0	24	3	33	0	7	346
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	34	90	2	20	16	230	1	44	16-28-0	230	1	44	2	41	0	26	3	33	0	13	320
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	26	35	2	16	18	229	1	41	18-29-1	229	1	41	5	105	0	29	0	0	0	0	264
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	44	190	2	16	12	156	1	30	12-23-2	156	1	30	5	117	0	35	3	22	0	18	346
12/06/08	at Connecticut	34	87	1	47	10	141	2	61	10-19-1	141	2	61	3	53	0	25	3	45	0	32	228
12/31/08	vs Oregon State	37	89	0	29	9	89	0	20	9-28-1	89	0	20	2	36	0	20	6	86	0	36	178
		492	1808	29	58	213	2644	10	64	213-381-14	2644	10	64	54	1096	0	35	32	295	0	36	4452
Opponents		451	1614	14	57	215	2509	19	79	215-396-16	2509	19	79	65	1213	1	90	21	108	1	26	4123

Games played: 13

Avg per rush: 3.7

Avg per catch: 12.4

Pass efficiency: 115.51

Kick ret avg: 20.3

Punt ret avg: 9.2

All purpose avg/game: 461.9

Total offense avg/gm: 342.5

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Dfense			Blkd kick	PAT Attempts			saf	pts
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv		
08/30/0	BOWLING GREEN	38	20	58	8.0-28	2.0-20	1	0-0	1-0	9	8	1	2-2	0	0	0	17
09/06/0	BUFFALO	43	18	61	5.0-16	3.0-14	1	0-0	1-0	3	6	1	3-3	0	0	0	27
09/20/0	IOWA	42	30	72	8.0-32	6.0-27	1	1-0	0-0	2	6	1	3-3	0	0	0	21
09/27/0	at Syracuse	30	18	48	3.0-16	2.0-14	1	1-0	0-0	6	1	0	2-2	0	1	0	34
10/02/0	at USF	45	7	52	7.0-47	4.0-41	0	0-0	1-0	0	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	26
10/18/0	at Navy	39	30	69	5.0-13	1.0-4	1	1-0	1-0	0	1	0	6-6	0	0	0	42
10/25/0	RUTGERS	33	18	51	6.0-32	3.0-25	0	0-0	1-0	3	1	2	4-4	0	0	0	34
11/01/0	at Notre Dame	37	44	81	7.0-22	1.0-6	1	0-0	0-0	3	5	1	3-3	0	0	0	36
11/08/0	LOUISVILLE	43	16	59	4.0-20	3.0-19	0	3-3	2-18	4	8	0	5-5	0	0	0	41
11/22/0	at Cincinnati	44	26	70	8.0-25	2.0-12	2	1-0	0-0	0	0	2	3-3	0	0	0	21
11/28/0	WEST VIRGINIA	38	16	54	5.0-19	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-14	7	3	0	1-1	0	0	0	19
12/06/0	at Connecticut	29	48	77	7.0-25	1.0-0	0	0-0	5-116	0	5	1	4-4	0	0	0	34
12/31/0	vs Oregon State	34	30	64	10.0-60	5.0-46	1	1-0	2-14	5	8	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
		495	321	816	83.0-355	32.0-228	9	8-3	16-162	42	54	10	38-38	0	1	0	352
Opponents		524	351	875	86.0-330	32.0-177	16	13-9	14-319	54	42	1	30-34	0	0	0	279

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
08/30/0	BOWLING GREEN	5	189	37.8	46	0	1	1	0	2	1-2	36	0	3	181	60.3	0	0	
09/06/0	BUFFALO	2	86	43.0	44	0	0	0	0	1	2-2	42	0	6	397	66.2	1	1	
09/20/0	IOWA	8	382	47.8	60	0	1	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	4	256	64.0	0	0	
09/27/0	at Syracuse	2	72	36.0	37	0	0	1	0	0	4-4	44	0	8	476	59.5	0	0	
10/02/0	at USF	4	119	29.8	49	1	0	1	0	1	2-2	35	0	6	385	64.2	0	0	
10/18/0	at Navy	2	75	37.5	38	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	7	441	63.0	1	0	
10/25/0	RUTGERS	2	78	39.0	50	0	0	0	1	0	2-3	43	0	7	418	59.7	0	0	
11/01/0	at Notre Dame	4	147	36.8	46	0	0	2	0	2	5-5	35	0	5	333	66.6	0	0	
11/08/0	LOUISVILLE	7	296	42.3	54	0	0	2	2	3	2-2	30	0	8	507	63.4	0	0	
11/22/0	at Cincinnati	6	241	40.2	45	0	0	4	0	3	0-0	0	0	3	183	61.0	0	0	
11/28/0	WEST VIRGINIA	4	156	39.0	50	0	0	2	1	4	0-1	0	0	4	241	60.2	0	0	
12/06/0	at Connecticut	7	255	36.4	47	0	0	4	0	4	2-2	21	0	7	383	54.7	0	0	
12/31/0	vs Oregon State	10	429	42.9	57	0	2	2	2	1	0-1	0	0	1	70	70.0	1	0	
		63	2525	40.1	60	1	4	20	8	22	20-24	44	0	69	4271	61.9	3	1	
Opponents		72	2929	40.7	79	4	5	16	13	22	13-20	48	3	56	3388	60.5	2	1	

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OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Rtrns				Punt Rtrns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	28	64	2	36	26	190	2	22	26-42-1	190	2	22	3	58	0	21	2	2	0	8	254
09/06/08	BUFFALO	32	125	1	14	21	223	1	39	21-34-1	223	1	39	4	61	0	18	1	4	0	4	348
09/20/08	IOWA	39	158	2	32	19	203	0	48	19-34-0	203	0	48	4	75	0	25	3	17	0	11	361
09/27/08	at Syracuse	27	126	0	43	9	137	2	36	9-17-0	137	2	36	8	227	1	90	0	0	0	0	263
10/02/08	at USF	35	116	1	27	11	129	1	38	11-21-1	129	1	38	6	113	0	33	3	59	1	26	245
10/18/08	at Navy	47	194	3	40	4	57	0	39	4-8-1	57	0	39	6	101	0	25	1	3	0	3	251
10/25/08	RUTGERS	30	71	2	9	15	371	6	79	15-24-1	371	6	79	7	125	0	38	1	3	0	0	442
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	39	115	0	15	23	271	3	47	23-44-0	271	3	47	5	91	0	27	1	-1	0	0	386
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	30	96	0	17	19	203	1	30	19-38-2	203	1	30	8	109	0	23	4	12	0	13	299
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	38	87	1	11	26	309	3	39	26-32-0	309	3	39	3	66	0	27	0	0	0	0	396
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	32	157	1	54	15	143	0	24	15-28-2	143	0	24	4	78	0	22	0	0	0	0	300
12/06/08	at Connecticut	44	225	1	57	6	80	0	43	6-31-5	80	0	43	7	109	0	25	2	0	0	0	305
12/31/08	vs Oregon State	30	80	0	19	21	193	0	24	21-43-2	193	0	24	0	0	0	0	3	9	0	6	273
		451	1614	14	57	215	2509	19	79	215-396-16	2509	19	79	65	1213	1	90	21	108	1	26	4123
PITT		492	1808	29	58	213	2644	10	64	213-381-14	2644	10	64	54	1096	0	35	32	295	0	36	4452

Games played: 13

Avg per rush: 3.6

Avg per catch: 11.7

Pass efficiency: 115.27

Kick ret avg: 18.7

Punt ret avg: 5.1

All purpose avg/game: 443.3

Total offense avg/gm: 317.2

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Dfense			Blkd kick	PAT Attempts			saf	pts
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds		ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv		
08/30/0	BOWLING GREEN	53	24	77	6.0-26	4.0-17	3	3-6	1-0	9	7	0	3-4	0	0	0	27
09/06/0	BUFFALO	40	20	60	6.0-28	2.0-21	1	0-0	1-0	5	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	16
09/20/0	IOWA	39	14	53	5.0-18	2.0-12	2	1-0	1-24	6	5	0	2-2	0	0	0	20
09/27/0	at Syracuse	40	34	74	2.0-4	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	5	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	24
10/02/0	at USF	56	15	71	7.0-40	2.0-13	2	2-3	0-0	0	3	1	3-3	0	0	0	21
10/18/0	at Navy	38	26	64	3.0-9	2.0-3	2	1-0	2-91	0	2	0	3-3	0	0	0	21
10/25/0	RUTGERS	46	28	74	7.0-32	4.0-23	2	1-0	1-74	8	4	0	6-8	0	0	0	54
11/01/0	at Notre Dame	42	40	82	8.0-31	2.0-11	0	0-0	3-47	2	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	33
11/08/0	LOUISVILLE	38	18	56	5.0-11	0.0-0	1	0-0	0-0	4	2	0	1-1	0	0	0	7
11/22/0	at Cincinnati	30	22	52	11.0-53	7.0-41	0	1-0	1-45	1	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	28
11/28/0	WEST VIRGINIA	45	30	75	6.0-24	2.0-13	1	1-0	2-11	4	4	0	0-0	0	0	0	15
12/06/0	at Connecticut	28	32	60	9.0-21	0.0-0	1	2-0	1-27	0	1	0	1-1	0	0	0	10
12/31/0	vs Oregon State	29	48	77	11.0-33	5.0-23	1	1-0	1-0	10	4	0	0-0	0	0	0	3
		524	351	875	86.0-330	32.0-177	16	13-9	14-319	54	42	1	30-34	0	0	0	279
PITT		495	321	816	83.0-355	32.0-228	9	8-3	16-162	42	54	10	38-38	0	1	0	352

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20		md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
08/30/0	BOWLING GREEN	8	361	45.1	79	0	1	1	3	2		0-0	0	0	5	300	60.0	0	0
09/06/0	BUFFALO	3	117	39.0	49	0	0	0	0	0		1-2	35	1	4	245	61.2	0	0
09/20/0	IOWA	8	301	37.6	59	1	2	2	1	2		2-3	39	0	5	328	65.6	1	0
09/27/0	at Syracuse	4	165	41.2	57	0	0	1	1	2		1-1	25	0	4	245	61.2	0	0
10/02/0	at USF	5	222	44.4	47	0	0	3	0	2		0-1	0	1	4	248	62.0	0	1
10/18/0	at Navy	5	182	36.4	48	0	0	1	0	1		0-0	0	0	3	170	56.7	0	0
10/25/0	RUTGERS	3	150	50.0	54	0	0	2	2	0		0-0	0	0	9	550	61.1	0	0
11/01/0	at Notre Dame	5	152	30.4	48	1	0	0	0	1		4-5	48	0	5	300	60.0	1	0
11/08/0	LOUISVILLE	7	308	44.0	53	0	1	3	3	2		0-0	0	0	2	118	59.0	0	0
11/22/0	at Cincinnati	2	60	30.0	40	1	0	1	0	0		0-1	0	1	5	311	62.2	0	0
11/28/0	WEST VIRGINIA	5	238	47.6	53	0	0	0	1	2		3-3	40	0	5	282	56.4	0	0
12/06/0	at Connecticut	7	223	31.9	47	1	1	2	0	3		1-2	45	0	3	159	53.0	0	0
12/31/0	vs Oregon State	10	450	45.0	57	0	0	0	2	5		1-2	44	0	2	132	66.0	0	0
		72	2929	40.7	79	4	5	16	13	22		13-20	48	3	56	3388	60.5	2	1
PITT		63	2525	40.1	60	1	4	20	8	22		20-24	44	0	69	4271	61.9	3	1

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	33	McCOY,LeSean vs West Virginia (11/28/08)
Yards Rushing	183	McCOY,LeSean vs West Virginia (11/28/08)
TD Rushes	4	McCOY,LeSean vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Rush	58	McCOY,LeSean at Navy (10/18/08)
Pass attempts	51	STULL,Bill vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Pass completions	29	STULL,Bill vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Yards Passing	279	STULL,Bill vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Passes	2	STULL,Bill at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Long Pass	64	STULL,Bill vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Receptions	8	KINDER,Derek at Syracuse (09/27/08)
Yards Receiving	109	PORTER,T.J. vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Receptions	1	KINDER,Derek vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
	1	DICKERSON,Dorin at Syracuse (09/27/08)
	1	BALDWIN,J. at USF (10/02/08)
	1	BALDWIN,J. at Navy (10/18/08)
	1	BALDWIN,J. at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
	1	TURNER,Oderick vs Louisville (11/08/08)
	1	DICKERSON,Dorin at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
	1	KINDER,Derek vs West Virginia (11/28/08)
	1	KINDER,Derek at Connecticut (12/06/08)
	1	BYHAM,Nate at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Long Reception	64	PORTER,T.J. vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Field Goals	5	LEE,Conor at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Long Field Goal	44	LEE,Conor at Syracuse (09/27/08)
Punts	9	BRYTUS,Dave vs Oregon State (12/31/08)
Punting Avg	47.8	BRYTUS,Dave vs Iowa (09/20/08)
Long Punt	60	BRYTUS,Dave vs Iowa (09/20/08)
Long Punt Return	36	PORTER,T.J. vs Oregon State (12/31/08)
Long Kickoff Return	35	WRIGHT,Aundre vs West Virginia (11/28/08)
Tackles	17	McKILLOP,Scott at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Sacks	2.0	McKILLOP,Scott at USF (10/02/08)
	2.0	ROMEUS,Greg vs Oregon State (12/31/08)
Tackles For Loss	3.0	McKILLOP,Scott at USF (10/02/08)
	3.0	ROMEUS,Greg at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Interceptions	2	WILLIAMS,Greg at Connecticut (12/06/08)

TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	47	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Yards Rushing	244	at Navy (10/18/08)
Yards Per Rush	5.8	at Navy (10/18/08)
TD Rushes	5	at Navy (10/18/08)
Pass attempts	51	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Pass completions	29	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Yards Passing	348	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Yards Per Pass	11.1	at Navy (10/18/08)
TD Passes	2	at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Total Plays	86	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Total Offense	499	at Navy (10/18/08)
Yards Per Play	7.7	at Navy (10/18/08)
Points	42	at Navy (10/18/08)
Sacks By	6	vs Iowa (09/20/08)
First Downs	27	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Penalties	8	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Penalty Yards	58	vs Louisville (11/08/08)
Turnovers	4	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Interceptions By	5	at Connecticut (12/06/08)

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OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Rushes	34	BROWN, Donald, at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Yards Rushing	189	BROWN, Donald, at Connecticut (12/06/08)
TD Rushes	2	YOUNG, Kordell, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Rush	57	BROWN, Donald, at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Pass attempts	44	CLAUSEN, at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Pass completions	26	PIKE, Tony, at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Yards Passing	361	TEEL, Mike, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Passes	6	TEEL, Mike, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Pass	79	TEEL, Mike, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Receptions	10	FLOYD, at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Yards Receiving	143	BRITT, Kenny, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Receptions	3	BRITT, Kenny, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Reception	79	BRITT, Kenny, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Field Goals	4	WALKER, B., at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Long Field Goal	48	WALKER, B., at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Punts	10	Hekker, Johnny, vs Oregon State (12/31/08)
Punting Avg	50.0	DELLAGANNA, Ted, vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Long Punt	79	IOVINELLI, Nick, vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
Long Punt Return	26	SINCLAIR, Charl, at USF (10/02/08)
Long Kickoff Return	90	HOLMES, Mike, at Syracuse (09/27/08)
Tackles	16	BRUTON, at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Sacks	4.0	Butler, Victor, vs Oregon State (12/31/08)
Tackles For Loss	5.0	Butler, Victor, vs Oregon State (12/31/08)
Interceptions	2	McNEIL, at Notre Dame (11/01/08)

OPPONENT TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	47	at Navy (10/18/08)
Yards Rushing	225	at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Yards Per Rush	5.1	at Connecticut (12/06/08)
TD Rushes	3	at Navy (10/18/08)
Pass attempts	44	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Pass completions	26	vs Bowling Green (08/30/08)
	26	at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Yards Passing	371	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Yards Per Pass	15.5	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
TD Passes	6	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Total Plays	83	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)
Total Offense	442	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Yards Per Play	8.2	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Points	54	vs RUTGERS (10/25/08)
Sacks By	7	at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
First Downs	22	vs Buffalo (09/06/08)
	22	at Cincinnati (11/22/08)
Penalties	11	at USF (10/02/08)
Penalty Yards	84	at USF (10/02/08)
Turnovers	5	vs Louisville (11/08/08)
	5	at Connecticut (12/06/08)
Interceptions By	3	at Notre Dame (11/01/08)

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PITT Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush		Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L 17-27	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W 27-16	4	4	24	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/08	IOWA	W 21-20	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W 34-24	4	4	25	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/08	at USF	W 26-21	4	4	19	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/18/08	at Navy	W 42-21	5	4	28	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L 34-54	3	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W 36-33	8	8	36	3	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W 41-7	4	4	20	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L 21-28	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W 19-15	4	2	12	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W 34-10	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
12/31/08	vs Oregon State	L 0-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals			45	41	229	27	24	3	14	1	0	3	0	0	0
			41 of 45 (91.1%)												

Opponents Inside PITT Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush		Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L 17-27	4	4	27	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W 27-16	2	2	9	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/20/08	IOWA	W 21-20	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W 34-24	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/08	at USF	W 26-21	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/18/08	at Navy	W 42-21	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L 34-54	4	4	26	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W 36-33	6	5	27	3	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W 41-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L 21-28	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W 19-15	3	2	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W 34-10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
12/31/08	vs Oregon State	L 0-3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals			35	28	164	21	11	10	7	3	2	2	0	0	0
			28 of 35 (80.0%)												

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3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qr	4th Qt	Overtime
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L 17-27	6-16 37.5	3-5 60.0	2-4 50.0	0-2 0.0	1-5 20.0	
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W 27-16	8-13 61.5	1-3 33.3	2-3 66.7	2-3 66.7	3-4 75.0	
09/20/08	IOWA	W 21-20	3-15 20.0	2-3 66.7	1-5 20.0	0-3 0.0	0-4 0.0	
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W 34-24	11-18 61.1	2-5 40.0	3-4 75.0	3-5 60.0	3-4 75.0	
10/02/08	at USF	W 26-21	4-13 30.8	1-5 20.0	0-2 0.0	1-2 50.0	2-4 50.0	
10/18/08	at Navy	W 42-21	9-13 69.2	5-5 100.0	2-4 50.0	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L 34-54	4-14 28.6	0-4 0.0	1-2 50.0	2-4 50.0	1-4 25.0	
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W 36-33	5-17 29.4	0-3 0.0	2-3 66.7	2-5 40.0	1-3 33.3	0-3 0.0
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W 41-7	3-15 20.0	1-3 33.3	1-4 25.0	0-4 0.0	1-4 25.0	
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L 21-28	2-10 20.0	1-2 50.0	0-3 0.0	0-2 0.0	1-3 33.3	
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W 19-15	3-9 33.3	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	0-3 0.0	1-2 50.0	
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W 34-10	3-13 23.1	1-5 20.0	1-2 50.0	0-2 0.0	1-4 25.0	
12/31/08	vs Oregon State	L 0-3	2-15 13.3	0-2 0.0	2-5 40.0	0-4 0.0	0-4 0.0	
PITT			63-181 34.8	17-46 37.0	19-44 43.2	10-40 25.0	17-48 35.4	0-3 0.0
Opponents			64-187 34.2	15-40 37.5	18-48 37.5	17-47 36.2	13-47 27.7	1-5 20.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qr	4th Qt	Overtime
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L 17-27	3-4 75.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	2-3 66.7	
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W 27-16	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
09/20/08	IOWA	W 21-20	3-3 100.0	1-1 100.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W 34-24	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-0 0.0	
10/02/08	at USF	W 26-21	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	
10/18/08	at Navy	W 42-21	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L 34-54	0-2 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W 36-33	3-3 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1 100.0	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W 41-7	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	2-2 100.0	0-0 0.0	
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L 21-28	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W 19-15	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W 34-10	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
12/31/08	vs Oregon State	L 0-3	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	
PITT			13-19 68.4	1-2 50.0	3-4 75.0	4-5 80.0	5-8 62.5	0-0 0.0
Opponents			8-19 42.1	2-2 100.0	1-2 50.0	3-5 60.0	2-10 20.0	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qr	4th Qt	Overtime
08/30/08	BOWLING GREEN	L 17-27	33:08	10:57	8:54	3:53	9:24	
09/06/08	BUFFALO	W 27-16	29:23	4:07	8:10	7:44	9:22	
09/20/08	IOWA	W 21-20	25:12	6:08	5:32	7:16	6:16	
09/27/08	at Syracuse	W 34-24	38:20	9:44	8:44	9:27	10:25	
10/02/08	at USF	W 26-21	36:54	8:56	12:07	6:11	9:40	
10/18/08	at Navy	W 42-21	33:00	10:06	9:32	4:55	8:27	
10/25/08	RUTGERS	L 34-54	32:47	10:00	7:12	10:22	5:13	
11/01/08	at Notre Dame	W 36-33	31:16	4:35	8:26	10:51	7:24	0:00
11/08/08	LOUISVILLE	W 41-7	33:56	7:05	7:28	10:39	8:44	
11/22/08	at Cincinnati	L 21-28	25:13	7:57	7:18	3:34	6:24	
11/28/08	WEST VIRGINIA	W 19-15	31:49	8:26	9:28	6:04	7:51	
12/06/08	at Connecticut	W 34-10	27:32	8:52	4:31	6:41	7:28	
12/31/08	vs Oregon State	L 0-3	29:10	5:54	8:39	6:53	7:44	
PITT			Total	102:47	106:01	94:30	104:22	0:00
			Avg.	7:54	8:09	7:16	8:01	0:00
Opponents			Total	92:13	88:59	100:30	90:38	0:00
			Avg.	7:05	6:50	7:43	6:58	0:00

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FINAL 2008 BIG EAST AND NCAA RANKINGS

2008 INDIVIDUAL BIG EAST & NCAA RANKINGS

BIG EAST INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (TOP 3)

INDIVIDUAL	CATEGORY	AVG./RATING	BIG EAST
LeSean McCoy.....	Scoring	9.7 pts./game	1st
	Rushing	114.5 yds./game	2nd
	All Purpose	139.2 yds./game	3rd
Conor Lee.....	Scoring (kick).....	7.5 pts./game	1st
	Field Goals	1.54 FG/game.....	1st
	PAT Kicking Pct.	100.0 pct. (38-38).....	T-1st
	Field Goal Pct.....	83.3 pct. (20-24).....	2nd
Scott McKillop.....	Scoring (overall)	7.5 pts./game	3rd
	Tackles.....	10.5 tackles/game.....	1st
	Tackles for Loss	1.35 TFLs/game	1st
T.J. Porter	Punt Returns.....	11.5 yds./return.....	1st
Aaron Berry	Passes Defended.....	1.0 passes defended/game.....	T-2nd
Greg Romeus	Sacks	0.58 sacks/game	3rd
Dom DeCicco.....	Interceptions.....	0.31 interceptions/game	3rd

NCAA INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (TOP 30)

INDIVIDUAL	CATEGORY	AVG./RATING	NCAA
LeSean McCoy.....	Scoring	9.69 pts./game	T-2nd
	Rushing	114.46 yds./game	10th
	All-Purpose Running.....	139.15 yds./game	30th
Scott McKillop.....	Solo Tackles	6.31 solos/game.....	3rd
	Total Tackles.....	10.54 tackles/game.....	T-10th
	Tackles for Loss	1.35 TFLs/game	T-22nd
Conor Lee.....	Field Goals	1.54 FG/game.....	T-13th
T.J. Porter	Punt Returns.....	11.50 yds./ret.....	24th

2008 TEAM BIG EAST & NCAA RANKINGS

BIG EAST TEAM RANKINGS (Top 3)

CATEGORY	AVG./RATING	BIG EAST
4th Down Conversions.....	68.4 pct. (13-19).....	1st
Penalty Yards.....	33.8 yds./game	1st
PAT Kicking	100.0 pct. (38-38).....	T-1st
Field Goal Pct.	83.3 pct. (20-24).....	2nd
Sacks By.....	2.54 sacks/game	2nd
Red Zone Offense	91.1 pct. (41-45).....	2nd
Kickoff Coverage	43.4 net. avg.	2nd
Scoring Offense.....	27.1 pts./game	3rd
Total Defense	317.2 yds./game	3rd
Time of Possession.....	31:21 minutes/game.....	3rd

NCAA TEAM RANKINGS (Top 30)

CATEGORY	AVG./RATING	NCAA
Fewest Yds. Penalized	33.85 yds./game	4th
Red Zone Efficiency	91.0 pct. (41-45).....	T-8th
Punt Ret. Defense.....	5.14 yds./return	11th
Fewest Penalties.....	4.38 penalties/game	12th
Off. 4th Down Effic.	68.4 pct. (13-19).....	T-13th
Kickoff Ret. Defense.....	18.66 yds./return	16th
Time of Possession.....	31:22 min./game	23rd
Net Punting	37.10 net yds./punt.....	25th
Def. 3rd Down Effic.....	34.2 pct. (64-187).....	25th
First Downs Allowed	16.69 first downs/game	26th
Passes Intercepted	16 total	T-26th
Total Defense	317.15 yds./game	27th
Rushing Defense	124.2 yds./game	T-29th
Sacks By.....	2.46 sacks/game	T-30th

FINAL 2008 BIG EAST STANDINGS

Team	BIG EAST		OVERALL	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Cincinnati	6-1	.857	11-3	.786
Pittsburgh	5-2	.714	9-4	.692
West Virginia	5-2	.714	9-4	.692
Rutgers	5-2	.714	8-5	.615
Connecticut	3-4	.429	8-5	.615
USF	2-5	.286	8-5	.615
Louisville	1-6	.143	5-7	.417
Syracuse	1-6	.143	3-9	.250

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2008 STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

GAME	SE/X Rec.	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	TE/Y Rec.	FL/Z Rec.	QB	FB	TB
Bowling Green	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	McGee*	McCoy
Buffalo	McGee	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Iowa	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Dickerson#	Kinder	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Syracuse	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Dickerson%	McCoy
USF	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	McGee*	McCoy
Navy	Pelusi**	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	McGee	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Rutgers	Turner	Pinkston	Davis	Houser	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Notre Dame	Turner	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Bostick	Pelusi%	McCoy
Louisville	Turner	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Pelusi%	McCoy
Cincinnati	Turner	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Pelusi%	McCoy
West Virginia	Baldwin	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	McGee*	McCoy
Connecticut	Baldwin	Pinkston	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Collins	McCoy
Oregon State	Baldwin	Clowser	D. Williams	Davis	Malecki	Thomas	Byham	Kinder	Stull	Pelusi%	McCoy

* Pitt started three wide receivers and no fullback vs. Bowling Green, USF and West Virginia

** Pitt started two tight ends and a flanker vs. Navy

Pitt started three wide receivers and no tight end vs. Iowa

% Pitt started two tight ends and no fullback vs. Syracuse, Notre Dame, Louisville, Cincinnati and Oregon State

DEFENSE

GAME	DE	NT	DT	DE	SLB	MLB	WLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
Bowling Green	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	Gunn	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Buffalo	Sheard	Duncan	Duhart	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Iowa	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	Fields	Thatcher	Berry
Syracuse	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	Fields	Thatcher	Berry
USF	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Navy	Sheard	Duncan	Mustakas	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Rutgers	Sheard	Duncan	Mustakas	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Notre Dame	Sheard	Duncan	Mustakas	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Louisville	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Cincinnati	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
West Virginia	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Connecticut	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Gary	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry
Oregon State	Sheard	Duncan	M. Williams	Romeus	G. Williams	McKillop	Ransom	Chappel	DeCicco	Thatcher	Berry

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2008 HONORS AND AWARDS

Jonathan Baldwin — Wide Receiver

Rivals.com Big East All-Freshman Team

Aaron Berry — Cornerback

Second Team All-Big East (coaches)

Dave Brytus — Punter

Big East Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 22)

Chris Burns — Running Back

Pitt Prep Player of the Year — Offense

Nate Byham — Tight End

First Team All-Big East (coaches and media)

ECAC All-Star Team

John Mackey Award Watch List

Dan Cafaro — Defensive Back

College Football “Rudy” Award Finalist

Jovani Chappel — Cornerback

Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Navy)

Conredge Collins — Fullback

Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Iowa)

C.J. Davis — Offensive Guard

First Team All-Big East (coaches)

Pitt Offensive Lineman of the Year

Coaching Staff Offensive Co-Player of the Game (Navy)

Rashaad Duncan — Nose Tackle

Pitt Defensive Lineman of the Year

Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (West Virginia)

Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Navy)

Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Louisville)

Elijah Fields — Safety

Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Buffalo)

Shayne Hale — Defensive End

Pitt Prep Player of the Year — Defense

Derek Kinder — Wide Receiver

Maxwell Award Watch List

Conor Lee — Placekicker

First Team All-Big East (coaches and media)

CollegeFootballNews.com All-America Team (Honorable Mention)

SI.com All-America Team (Honorable Mention)

ECAC All-Star Team

Pitt Special Teams Most Valuable Player

ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American (second team)

ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 2



Linebacker Scott McKillop was a first team All-American and the Big East Defensive Player of the Year.



Running back LeSean McCoy was a first-team All-Big East selection for the second consecutive season.

Big East Special Teams Player of the Week (Nov. 3)

Big East Special Teams Player of the Week (Sept. 29)

Lou Groza Award “Stars of the Week” (Sept. 29)

Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Notre Dame)

Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Syracuse)

Lou Groza Award Watch List

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2008 HONORS AND AWARDS

John Malecki — Offensive Guard

Pitt Most Improved Offensive Player
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Louisville)

LeSean McCoy — Running Back

Rivals.com All-America Team (second team)
SI.com All-America Team (second team)
CollegeFootballNews.com All-America Team (third team)
Big East Offensive Player of the Year (media)
Unanimous First Team All-Big East (coaches and media)
Rivals.com Big East Player of the Year
Sporting News Big East Offensive MVP
ECAC All-Star Team
Pitt Offensive Most Valuable Player
Doak Walker Award Semifinalist
Maxwell Award Semifinalist
Big East Offensive Player of the Week (Dec. 1)
Big East Offensive Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (West Virginia)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Notre Dame)
Coaching Staff Offensive Co-Player of the Game (Navy)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (USF)
Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List

Cedric McGee — Wide Receiver

Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (West Virginia)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Buffalo)

Scott McKillop — Linebacker

FWAA All-America Team (first team)
CBSSports.com All-America Team (first team)
Phil Steele All-America Team (first team)
Associated Press All-America Team (second team)
CollegeFootballNews.com All-America Team (second team)
Rivals.com All-America Team (second team)
SI.com All-America Team (second team)
Sporting News All-America Team (second team)
Walter Camp All-America Team (second team)
Big East Defensive Player of the Year (coaches and media)
Unanimous First Team All-Big East (coaches and media)
Sporting News Big East Defensive MVP
ECAC All-Star Team
Pitt Defensive Most Valuable Player
Chuck Bednarik Award Semifinalist
The Lott Trophy Semifinalist
Walter Camp Player of the Year “15 Players to Watch”
FWAA/Bronko Nagurski Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
The Lott Trophy IMPACT Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
Big East Defensive Player of the Week (Dec. 1)
Big East Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 6)
Big East Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 22)
Big East Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 8)
Pitt Ironman Award (dedication to strength & conditioning)
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Notre Dame)
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (USF)

Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Buffalo)
Bednarik Award Watch List
Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List

Gus Mustakas — Defensive Tackle

Outland Trophy Watch List

Nate Nix — Linebacker

Pitt Most Improved Special Teams Player

Marco Pecora — Defensive Back

Pitt Prep Player of the Year — Special Teams

Austin Ransom — Linebacker

Pitt Most Improved Defensive Player
Pitt Ironman Award (dedication to strength & conditioning)
Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Iowa)

Greg Romeus — Defensive End

Second Team All-Big East (coaches)
Jimmy Rogers, Jr. Most Valuable Lineman (Sun Bowl)

Jabaal Sheard — Defensive End

Coaching Staff Defensive Player of the Game (Syracuse)

LaRod Stephens-Howling — Running Back

Pitt Demale Stanley Award (most inspirational)
Pitt Ironman Award (dedication to strength & conditioning)
Coaching Staff Offensive Player of the Game (Syracuse)

Andrew Taglianetti — Defensive Back

Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Iowa)
Coaching Staff Special Teams Player of the Game (Louisville)
Greg Williams — Linebacker
Rivals.com Big East Top Defensive Freshman
Rivals.com Big East All-Freshman Team

Aundre Wright — Kick Returner

Rivals.com Big East All-Freshman Team

2009 PITT FOOTBALL

2008 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME 1: BOWLING GREEN 27, #25 PITT 17

Aug. 30, 2008 • Heinz Field • 45,063

GAME NOTES: Pitt lost its season opener for only the second time in the past 12 seasons...the loss came despite the fact that Pitt held statistical advantages in total yards (393 to 254), rushing yards (129 to 64), passing yards (264 to 190), first downs (27 to 15) and possession time (33:08 to 26:52)...the Panthers, though, had four turnovers while Bowling Green had just one...Pitt led 14-0 in the second quarter and 17-14 at halftime...after falling into a two-touchdown deficit, Bowling Green (1-0) would outscore Pitt 27-3...Bowling Green defeated a ranked foe on the road for the second time in five years (No. 16 Purdue in 2003)...it was the first time Pitt lost to a Mid-American Conference team at home in 25 games...the Panthers fell to 25-3 all-time vs. MAC teams.

BOWLING GREEN	0	14	6	7	27
PITT	7	10	0	0	17

First Quarter

PITT — McCoy 11-yard run (Lee kick) 11:12

Second Quarter

PITT — Kinder 4-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 11:02

BG — Scheidler 5-yard pass from Barnes (Vrivilo kick) 8:01

BG — Scheidler 3-yard pass from Sheehan (Vrivilo kick) 1:31

PITT — Lee 36-yard field goal 0:00

Third Quarter

BG — Turner 8-yard run (kick blocked) 3:53

Fourth Quarter

BG — Sheehan 11-yard run (Vrivilo kick) 11:59

Team Stats	BG	PITT
First Downs	15	27
Rushes-Yards	28-64	35-129
Comp-Att-Int	26-42-1	29-51-1
Passing Yards	190	264
Total Yards	254	393
Punt Returns-Yards	2-2	3-20
Kick Returns-Yards	3-58	5-81
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-3
Punts-Average	8-45.1	5-37.8
Penalties-Yards	7-54	2-10
Third Down Conv.	7-18	6-16
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	3-4
Sacks By-Yards	4-17	2-20
Possession Time	26:52	33:08

Rushing

BG — Bullock 7-44; Turner 8-16, 1 TD; Barnes 5-14; Sheehan 6-(-4), 1 TD; Team 2-(-6).

PITT — Stephens-Howling 7-71; McCoy 23-71, 1 TD; Collins 1-7; Stull 4-(-20).

Passing

BG — Sheehan 24-40-1, 163 yards, 1 TD; Barnes 2-2-0, 27 yards, 1 TD.

PITT — Stull 29-51-1, 264 yards, 1TD.

Receiving

BG — Bullock 7-49; Partridge 3-34; Scheidler 3-30, 2 TD; Pronty 3-24;

Barnes 3-21; Parks 2-13; Turner 2-7; Hutson 2-5; Wright 1-7.

PITT — McGee 6-55; Kinder 6-47, 1 TD; Byham 5-52; McCoy 5-45; Turner 5-42; Dickerson 2-23.

GAME 2: PITT 27, BUFFALO 16

Sept. 6, 2008 • Heinz Field • 42,494

GAME NOTES: LeSean McCoy matched his career high with three rushing TDs to lift Pitt (1-1) past visiting Buffalo (1-1), 27-16...McCoy rushed for a team-high 93 yards and achieved his fourth three-TD game in just 14 collegiate contests...Bill Stull threw for 241 yards on 22-of-33 passing...Conor Lee accounted for nine points (3-3 PATs, 2-2 FGs), including a 42-yard FG with 3:31 left that provided the final margin...Scott McKillop had a game-high 15 tackles...Eric Thatcher's interception with 1:26 left sealed the result and ended a national-best streak of 284 passes without an INT for UB's Drew Willy...the Panthers improved to 26-3 all-time vs. MAC teams.

BUFFALO	6	3	7	0	16
PITT	0	10	7	10	27

First Quarter

UB — Thermilus 1-yard run (kick failed) 1:59

Second Quarter

PITT — McCoy 3-yard run (Lee kick) 13:30

PITT — Lee 21-yard field goal 2:42

UB — Principe 35-yard field goal 0:32

Third Quarter

PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Lee Kick) 10:05

UB — Hamlin 39-yard pass from Willy (Principe kick) 6:41

Fourth Quarter

PITT — McCoy 2-yard run (Lee kick) 10:21

PITT — Lee 42-yard field goal 3:31

Team Stats	UB	PITT
First Downs	22	22
Rushes-Yards	32-125	31-111
Comp-Att-Int	21-34-1	22-34-1
Passing Yards	223	241
Total Yards	348	352
Punt Returns-Yards	1-4	2-12
Kick Returns-Yards	4-61	4-90
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Punts-Average	3-39.0	2-43.0
Penalties-Yards	6-60	3-25
Third Down Conv.	6-13	8-13
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	0-0
Sacks By-Yards	2-21	3-14
Possession Time	30:37	29:23

Rushing

UB — Starks 20-97; Thermilus 4-20, 1 TD; Roosevelt 1-3; Sharon 1-2;

Willy 6-0; Niedermier 0-3.

PITT — McCoy 20-93, 3 TD; Stephens-Howling 7-21; Dickerson 1-9; Stull 3-(-12).

Passing

UB — Willy 21-34-1, 223 yards, 1 TD.

PITT — Stull 22-33-1, 241 yards; Team 1-0-0.

Receiving

UB — Roosevelt 6-65; Hamlin 5-77, 1 TD; Jackson 4-43; Rice 3-21; Starks 2-7; Rack 1-10.

PITT — Porter 6-57; Turner 5-69; Kinder 3-30; McGee 3-28; Byham 3-26; McCoy 1-24; Dickerson 1-7.

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2008 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME 3: PITT 21, IOWA 20

Sept. 20, 2008 • Heinz Field • 50,321

GAME NOTES: LeSean McCoy scored on a 27-yard run early in the fourth quarter as Pitt defeated Iowa, 21-20, in the first meeting between the two schools since 1952...Pitt (2-1) triumphed despite being outgained 361 to 259...Pitt's other two scores also came on the ground...QB Greg Cross, on the first play of his collegiate career, scored on a dazzling 17-yard run to put Pitt up 7-3...starting QB Bill Stull added a six-yard TD run in the second period to make it 14-3...Iowa rallied and would take a 17-14 lead late in the third period...the Panthers would respond with an 80-yard scoring drive, capped by McCoy's TD run...Pitt compiled six sacks against an Iowa offensive front that had only given up two in its first three games...MLB Scott McKillop had a game-high 10 tackles and a sack...Iowa (3-1) had not yielded a touchdown in its first three games and was giving up only 2.7 points before playing Pitt.

IOWA	3	7	7	3	20
PITT	7	7	0	7	21

First Quarter

IOWA — Mossbrucker 26-yard field goal 10:25

PITT — Cross 17-yard run (Lee kick) 6:06

Second Quarter

PITT — Stull 6-yard run (Lee kick) 12:34

IOWA — Greene 6-yard run (Murray kick) 3:24

Third Quarter

IOWA — Christensen 2-yard run (Mossbrucker kick) 5:33

Fourth Quarter

PITT — McCoy 27-yard run (Lee kick) 13:37

IOWA — Mossbrucker 39-yard field goal 10:58

Team Stats	IOWA	PITT
First Downs	19	13
Rushes-Yards	39-158	37-130
Comp-Att-Int	19-34-0	11-25-1
Passing Yards	203	129
Total Yards	361	259
Punt Returns-Yards	3-17	2-(-5)
Kick Returns-Yards	4-75	4-96
Interceptions-Yards	1-24	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Punts-Average	8-37.6	8-47.8
Penalties-Yards	2-14	2-17
Third Down Conv.	4-17	3-15
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	3-3
Sacks By-Yards	2-12	6-27
Possession Time	34:48	25:12

Rushing

IOWA — Greene 23-147, 1 TD; Christensen 9-17, 1 TD; Stross 1-4; Hampton 2-1; O'Meara 1-(-3); Stanzi 3-(-8).

PITT — McCoy 18-78, 1 TD; Stephens-Howling 8-26; Wright 1-14; Cross 2-7, 1 TD; Stull 3-7, 1 TD; Collins 2-4; Team 3-(-6).

Passing

IOWA — Christensen 12-24-0, 124 yards; Stanzi 7-10-0, 79 yards.

PITT — Stull 11-25-1, 129 yards.

Receiving

IOWA — Johnson-Koulianos 6-75; Myers 4-35; Leppert 3-11; Brodell 2-23; Greene 2-5; Moeaki 1-48; O'Meara 1-6.

PITT — McCoy 2-33; Kinder 2-28; Stephens-Howling 2-19; McGee 2-12; Dickerson 1-18; Porter 1-13; Collins 1-6.

GAME 4: PITT 34, SYRACUSE 24

Sept. 27, 2008 • Carrier Dome • 27,549

GAME NOTES: Pitt overcame an 11-point second-half deficit at Syracuse to win its Big East opener, 34-24...Pitt trailed 24-13 with 12:40 left in the third quarter but responded with 21-unanswered points...LaRod Stephens-Howling keyed the rally with touchdown runs of nine and three yards, the latter coming with 3:22 left in the game to seal the victory...the final TD came after Greg Romeus sacked SU quarterback Cam Dantley, forcing a fumble that Jabaal Sheard recovered at the Orange 34 with 8:05 left...Conor Lee accounted for a career-high 14 points and tied the school record with four field goals...Pitt (3-1, 1-0) compiled 241 rushing yards, including 149 from LeSean McCoy...Stephens-Howling netted 71 yards...Pitt beat Syracuse (1-4, 0-1) for the sixth time in seven years.

PITT	3	10	3	18	34
SYRACUSE	14	3	7	0	24

First Quarter

PITT — Lee 40-yard field goal 10:37

SYR — Holmes 90-yard kick return (Shadle kick) 10:27

SYR — Davis 27-yard pass from Dantley (Shadle kick) 5:42

Second Quarter

PITT — Lee 43-yard field goal 12:10

PITT — Dickerson 2-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 4:08

SYR — Shadle 25-yard field goal 0:00

Third Quarter

SYR — Chew 36-yard pass from Dantley (Shadle kick) 12:40

PITT — Lee 44-yard field goal 7:20

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Stephens-Howling 9-yard run (Baldwin pass from Stull) 14:26

PITT — Lee 25-yard field goal 9:17

PITT — Stephens-Howling 3-yard run (Lee kick) 3:22

Team Stats	PITT	SYR
First Downs	23	12
Rushes-Yards	46-241	27-126
Comp-Att-Int	17-29-0	9-17-0
Passing Yards	166	137
Total Yards	407	263
Punt Returns-Yards	2-30	0-0
Kick Returns-Yards	4-78	8-227
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Punts-Average	2-36.0	4-41.2
Penalties-Yards	4-31	4-40
Third Down Conv.	11-18	3-9
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	2-14	0-0
Possession Time	38:20	21:40

Rushing

PITT — McCoy 28-149; Stephens-Howling 13-71, 2 TD; Collier 2-23; Stull 1-2; Team 2-(-4).

SYRACUSE — Brinkley 16-119; Hogue 4-8; A. Bailey 2-5; D. Bailey 1-(-2); Dantley 4-(-4).

Passing

PITT — Stull 17-29-0, 166 yards, 1 TD.

SYRACUSE — Dantley 9-17-0, 137 yards, 2 TD.

Receiving

PITT — Kinder 8-92; Stephens-Howling 2-22; Turner 2-19; Dickerson 2-11, 1 TD; McGee 1-13; Baldwin 1-8; McCoy 1-1.

SYRACUSE — Lobdell 3-52; Davis 2-33, 1 TD; Chew 1-36, 1 TD; Sales 1-6; Owen 1-5; Hogue 1-5.

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2008 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME 5: PITT 26, #10 USF 21

Oct. 2, 2008 • Raymond James Stadium • 50,307

GAME NOTES: LeSean McCoy rushed for two TDs and Bill Stull threw for another to lift Pitt to a 26-21 upset of No. 10 USF in front of an ESPN Thursday night national television audience...it was Pitt's third consecutive victory over a ranked foe...the Panthers defeated No. 23 Cincinnati and No. 2/1 West Virginia in 2007...facing a USF defense that had only been yielding 58 rushing yards per game, McCoy ran for 142 yards on 28 carries...his TDs covered six and three yards, the latter providing the winning points with 4:43 left in the game...Scott McKillop collected 12 tackles (all solo), two sacks and snuffed out a fake field goal to lead Pitt's impressive defensive effort...USF (5-1, 0-1) entered the game averaging 464 yards in total offense, but produced just 245 against Pitt...it was the Panthers' fourth consecutive win (4-1, 2-0) and lifted them back into the AP national rankings at No. 24.

PITT	7	10	0	9	26
USF	7	0	7	7	21

First Quarter

USF — Sinclair 26-yard blocked punt return (Bonani kick) 8:07

PITT — Baldwin 52-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 5:54

Second Quarter

PITT — McCoy 6-yard run (Lee kick) 4:59

PITT — Lee 35-yard field goal 0:22

Third Quarter

USF — Grothe 1-yard run (Bonani kick) 9:27

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Lee 31-yard field goal 9:40

USF — Hester 22-yard pass from Grothe (Bonani kick) 5:57

PITT — McCoy 3-yard run (pass failed) 4:43

Team Stats	PITT	USF
First Downs	24	14
Rushes-Yards	45-146	35-116
Comp-Att-Int	17-28-0	11-21-1
Passing Yards	228	129
Total Yards	374	245
Punt Returns-Yards	1-15	3-59
Kick Returns-Yards	3-64	6-113
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Punts-Average	4-29.8	5-44.4
Penalties-Yards	5-26	11-84
Third Down Conv.	4-13	3-9
Fourth Down Conv.	1-2	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	4-41	2-13
Possession Time	36:54	23:06

Rushing

PITT — McCoy 28-142, 2 TD; Dickerson 1-16; Stephens-Howling 9-11; Cross 2-8; Collins 1-5; Team 1-(-18); Stull 3-(-18).

USF — Ford 14-73; Grothe 11-25, 1 TD; Plancher 6-14; Williams 2-3; Gregory 1-1; Johnson 1-0.

Passing

PITT — Stull 16-27-0, 228 yards, 1 TD; Brytus 1-1-0, 0 yards.

USF — Grothe 11-21-1, 129 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving

PITT — Collins 4-25; Turner 3-60; Stephens-Howling 3-33; McCoy 3-23; Baldwin 2-59, 1 TD; Byham 1-24; McGee 1-4.

USF — Hester 3-34, 1 TD; Love 2-44; Hill 2-21; Bogan 2-21; Johnson 2-9.

GAME 6: #23 PITT 42, NAVY 21

Oct. 18, 2008 • Navy-Marine Corps MS • 37,970

GAME NOTES: Pitt won its fifth in a row with a 42-21 rout of Navy before a Midshipmen record crowd of 37,970 in Annapolis...LeSean McCoy rushed for three TDs and 156 yards on 18 carries (8.7 avg.)...his 58-yard scoring run with 1:04 left in the first half gave Pitt (5-1) a commanding 35-14 lead...LaRod Stephens-Howling rushed for two TDs, while Bill Stull hit Jonathan Baldwin on a 60-yard scoring bomb...Baldwin had 101 receiving yards on just three catches (33.7 avg.)...Pitt limited Navy (4-3) to 251 yards in total offense and 194 rushing...the Mids had been averaging 313 on the ground to rank No. 2 nationally...Scott McKillop had a team-high nine tackles...Jabaal Sheard's sack and forced fumble set up Pitt's third TD on a short field in the opening period, putting the Panthers up 21-7...the game marked Pitt's first visit to Navy since 1987.

PITT	21	14	0	7	42
NAVY	7	7	0	7	21

First Quarter

PITT — Stephens-Howling 6-yard run (Lee kick) 10:01

NAVY — White 40-yard run (Harmon kick) 7:19

PITT — McCoy 2-yard run (Lee kick) 4:34

PITT — Stephens-Howling 9-yard run (Lee kick) 2:58

Second Quarter

NAVY — Bryant 8-yard run (Harmon kick) 10:22

PITT — McCoy 11-yard run (Lee kick) 8:04

PITT — McCoy 58-yard run (Lee kick) 1:04

Third Quarter

No scoring

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Baldwin 60-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 14:01

NAVY — Dobbs 4-yard run (Harmon kick) 0:20

Team Stats	PITT	NAVY
First Downs	22	12
Rushes-Yards	42-244	47-194
Comp-Att-Int	15-23-2	4-8-1
Passing Yards	255	57
Total Yards	499	251
Punt Returns-Yards	3-4	1-3
Kick Returns-Yards	4-88	6-101
Interceptions-Yards	1-0	2-91
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Punts-Average	2-37.5	5-36.4
Penalties-Yards	4-30	4-37
Third Down Conv.	9-13	6-13
Fourth Down Conv.	0-0	1-2
Sacks By-Yards	1-4	2-3
Possession Time	33:00	27:00

Rushing

PITT — McCoy 18-156, 3 TD; Collins 9-50; Stephens-Howling 8-34, 2 TD; Harris 3-6; Hynoski 1-3; Team 1-(-2); Stull 2-(-3).

NAVY — Bryant 21-81, 1 TD; White 10-70, 1 TD; Dobbs 5-15, 1 TD; Ketani 8-13; Shinego 2-12; Finnerty 1-3.

Passing

PITT — Stull 15-23-2, 255 yards, 1 TD.

NAVY — Bryant 3-7-1, 18 yards; Dobbs 1-1-0, 39 yards.

Receiving

PITT — Baldwin 3-101, 1 TD; Porter 3-42; McCoy 2-46; Kinder 2-23; McGee 2-13; Dickerson 1-16; Collins 1-8; Pelusi 1-6.

NAVY — Washington 2-46; Barnes 2-11.

2009 PITT FOOTBALL

2008 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME 7: RUTGERS 54, #17/20 PITT 34

Oct. 25, 2008 • Heinz Field • 51,161

GAME NOTES: Pitt's five-game winning streak was halted by a potent Rutgers passing game in a 54-34 loss at Heinz Field...Mike Teel threw for 361 yards and six TDs on only 14 completions...LeSean McCoy had his fourth consecutive 100-yard game with 146 yards...McCoy rushed for a career-high four TDs, the most by a Pitt player in eight years...Pitt (5-2, 2-1) lost QB Bill Stull to a stinger/concussion in the third period...Stull threw for 279 yards on 16-of-22 passing...Rutgers (3-5, 2-2) defeated Pitt for the fourth consecutive year...the 54 points were the most surrendered by Pitt since 2003.

RUTGERS	14	20	14	6	54
PITT	7	17	7	3	34

First Quarter

PITT — McCoy 33-yard run (Lee kick) 13:36

RUTGERS — Brown 60-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 12:41

RUTGERS — Britt 79-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 6:09

Second Quarter

RUTGERS — Britt 7-yard pass from Teel (kick blocked) 14:04

PITT — McCoy 22-yard run (Lee kick) 12:53

RUTGERS — Britt 26-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 10:34

PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Lee kick) 8:45

RUTGERS — Brock 3-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 5:26

PITT — Lee 43-yard field goal 1:14

Third Quarter

PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Lee kick) 8:58

RUTGERS — Brown 36-yard pass from Teel (Te kick) 7:37

RUTGERS — Young 8-yard run (Te kick) 0:31

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Lee 40-yard field goal 11:16

RUTGERS — Young 4-yard run (kick blocked) 5:26

Team Stats	RUTGERS	PITT
First Downs	20	20
Rushes-Yards	30-71	34-138
Comp-Att-Int	15-24-1	22-34-1
Passing Yards	371	348
Total Yards	442	486
Punt Returns-Yards	1-3	1-0
Kick Returns-Yards	7-125	9-173
Interceptions-Yards	1-74	1-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Punts-Average	3-50.0	2-39.0
Penalties-Yards	8-60	4-46
Third Down Conv.	5-10	4-14
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	0-2
Sacks By-Yards	4-23	3-25
Possession Time	27:13	32:47

Rushing

RU — Young 20-83, 2 TD; Brooks 1-9; Brown 1-3; Natale 2-1; Team 2-(-4); Teel 4-(-21).

PITT — McCoy 26-146, 4 TD; Stephens-Howling 3-13; Stull 3-(-6); Bostick 2-(-15).

Passing

RU — Teel 14-21-1, 361 yards, 6 TD; Natale 1-2-0, 10 yards; Young 0-1-0, 0 yards.

PITT — Stull 16-22-0, 279 yards; Bostick 6-11-1, 69 yards; Janocko 0-1-0, 0 yards.

Receiving

RU — Britt 5-143, 3 TD; Brown 4-132, 2 TD; Underwood 3-45; Graves 1-32; Campbell 1-16; Brock 1-3, 1 TD.

PITT — Baldwin 5-81; Porter 4-109; McCoy 3-34; Kinder 2-27; Collins 2-26; McGee 2-13; Byham 1-34; Stephens-Howling 1-9; Dickerson 1-8; Turner 1-7.

GAME 8: PITT 36, NOTRE DAME 33 (4OT)

Nov. 1, 2008 • Notre Dame Stadium • 80,795

GAME NOTES: In the longest game in school history, Pitt won in four OTs, 36-33...Conor Lee's 22-yard FG provided the winning points...Lee set Pitt records for single-game field goals (five) and kick scoring (18) and became Pitt's career field goals leader (46)...Pitt (6-2) won for the second straight time at Notre Dame (5-3), also winning on a field goal in 2004 (41-38)...Pitt last won in back-to-back trips to ND in 1983 and '86...QB Pat Bostick started in place of injured Bill Stull...LeSean McCoy rushed for 100 yards for the fifth consecutive game (169), giving him 1,004 for the year...Pitt improved to 6-6 all-time in OT.

PITT	3	0	7	14	12	36
NOTRE DAME	3	14	0	7	9	33

First Quarter

ND — Walker 39-yard field goal 9:38

PITT — Lee 35-yard field goal 5:58

Second Quarter

ND — Floyd 18-yard pass from Clausen (Walker kick) 1:27

ND — Floyd 4-yard pass from Clausen (Walker kick) 0:04

Third Quarter

PITT — Stephens-Howling 4-yard run (Lee kick) 10:55

Fourth Quarter

PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Lee kick) 11:03

ND — Tate 6-yard pass from Clausen (Walker kick) 5:38

PITT — Baldwin 10-yard pass from Bostick (Lee kick) 2:22

Overtime

PITT — Lee 22-yard field goal

ND — Walker 22-yard field goal

ND — Walker 26-yard field goal

PITT — Lee 32-yard field goal

PITT — Lee 26-yard field goal

ND — Walker 48-yard field goal

PITT — Lee 22-yard field goal

Team Stats	PITT	ND
First Downs	17	20
Rushes-Yards	47-178	39-115
Comp-Att-Int	15-30-3	23-44-0
Passing Yards	168	271
Total Yards	346	386
Punt Returns-Yards	3-33	1-(-1)
Kick Returns-Yards	4-74	5-91
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	3-47
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Punts-Average	4-36.8	5-30.4
Penalties-Yards	8-53	6-60
Third Down Conv.	5-17	7-19
Fourth Down Conv.	3-3	0-2
Sacks By-Yards	1-6	2-11
Possession Time	31:16	28:44

Rushing

PITT — McCoy 32-169, 1 TD; Stephens-Howling 8-23, 1 TD; Collins 1-4; Kinder 1-1; Smith 1-(-3); Wright 1-(-4); Bostick 3-(-12).

ND — Allen 19-73; Aldridge 8-25; Hughes 8-25; Team 1-(-2); Clausen 3-(-6).

Passing

PITT — Bostick 14-27-3, 164 yards, 1 TD; Smith 1-3-0, 4 yards.

ND — Clausen 23-44-0, 271 yards, 3 TD.

Receiving

PITT — Turner 2-42; Baldwin 2-31, 1 TD; McCoy 2-23; Kinder 2-10; Pelusi 2-7; Porter 1-37; Stephens-Howling 1-14; McGee 1-4; Dickerson 1-2; Byham 1-(-2).

ND — Floyd 10-100, 2 TD; Tate 6-111, 1 TD; Allen 3-13; Rudolph 2-26; Kamara 2-21.

2009 PITT FOOTBALL

2008 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME 9: #25 PITT 41, LOUISVILLE 7

Nov. 8, 2008 • Heinz Field • 44,055

GAME NOTES: Pitt (7-2, 3-1) snapped a seven-game losing skid vs. Louisville...the Panthers' last win in the series was in 1983...Pitt's final two scores came by the defense, a three-yard fumble return by Ricky Gary and 18-yard INT return by Scott McKillop...Louisville (5-4, 1-3) had five turnovers on the day while Pitt had zero...the Cardinals were held to single-digit scoring for only the third time since 2003...LeSean McCoy scored his 16th TD of the year, but was held to a career-low 39 yards...QB Bill Stull, back after suffering a concussion vs. Rutgers, picked up the slack with 216 yards passing with a TD and no INTs...the win moved Pitt into a first-place tie with Cincinnati and West Virginia in the Big East standings.

LOUISVILLE	0	0	7	0	7
PITT	10	7	3	21	41

First Quarter

PITT — Lee 30-yard field goal 9:01

PITT — Wright 7-yard run (Lee kick) 4:12

Second Quarter

PITT — Turner 26-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 3:30

Third Quarter

PITT — Lee 19-yard field goal 6:25

UL — Pascley 30-yard pass from Cantwell (Payne kick) 4:42

Fourth Quarter

PITT — McCoy 11-yard run (Lee kick) 11:19

PITT — Gary 3-yard fumble return (Lee kick) 8:19

PITT — McKillop 18-yard interception return (Lee kick) 7:29

Team Stats	UL	PITT
First Downs	17	14
Rushes-Yards	30-96	34-90
Comp-Att-Int	19-38-2	16-28-0
Passing Yards	203	230
Total Yards	299	320
Punt Returns-Yards	4-12	3-33
Kick Returns-Yards	8-109	2-41
Interceptions-Yards	0-0	2-18
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-0
Punts-Average	7-44.0	7-42.3
Penalties-Yards	5-45	6-58
Third Down Conv.	7-17	3-15
Fourth Down Conv.	0-2	2-2
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	3-19
Possession Time	26:04	33:56

Rushing

UL — Anderson 17-73; Bolen 4-18; Guy 2-17; Powell 2-15; Simms 1-(-5); Cantwell 4-(-22).

PITT — McCoy 17-39, 1 TD; Wright 2-27, 1 TD; Kinder 1-8; Stephens-Howling 2-7; Baldwin 1-4; Harris 3-3; Collier 2-2; Porter 1-2; Collins 3-1; Team 2-(-3).

Passing

UL — Cantwell 15-28-1, 164 yards, 1 TD; Simms 4-10-1, 39 yards.

PITT — Stull 15-27-0, 216 yards, 1 TD; McCoy 1-1-0, 14 yards.

Receiving

UL — Beaumont 5-65; Pascley 3-49, 1 TD; Vaughn 3-37; Guy 3-31; Burns 3-15; Anderson 1-4; Powell 1-2.

PITT — Kinder 4-30; Porter 3-35; Baldwin 2-80; Pelusi 2-24; Turner 1-26, 1 TD; McGee 1-12; Dickerson 1-11; Byham 1-7; McCoy 1-5.

GAME 10: #20/19 PITT, #19/20 CINCINNATI

Nov. 22, 2008 • Nippert Stadium • 35,098

GAME NOTES: Pitt lost to host Cincinnati, 28-21, in a battle of Top 20 teams...the Panthers (7-3, 3-2) suffered their first defeat in eight all-time meetings with the Bearcats (9-2, 5-1)...Pitt's five-game road win streak was also snapped...UC's Tony Pike completed 81% of his passes (26 of 32) for 309 yards and three TDs...the Bearcats produced two 100-yard receivers in Mardy Gilyard (110 yards) and Dominick Goodman (101)...Pitt went up 7-0 on the game's opening drive but would surrender 28 unanswered points before rallying in the final 10 minutes...the Panthers blocked two kicks (a field goal by Greg Williams and punt by Andrew Taglianetti) giving them a school-record nine on the year...Pitt gave up a season-high seven sacks and was just 2 of 10 on third down.

PITT	7	0	0	14	21
CINCINNATI	0	14	7	7	28

First Quarter

PITT — McCoy 6-yard run (Lee kick) 9:20

Second Quarter

UC — Barnett 20-yard pass from Pike (Rogers kick) 14:09

UC — Goodman 4-yard pass from Pike (Rogers kick) 3:33

Third Quarter

UC — Gilyard 39-yard pass from Pike (Rogers kick) 12:18

Fourth Quarter

UC — Ramsey 2-yard run (Rogers kick) 14:16

PITT — McCoy 16-yard run (Lee kick) 10:12

PITT — Dickerson 41-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 1:22

Team Stats	PITT	UC
First Downs	15	22
Rushes-Yards	26-35	38-87
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-1	26-32-0
Passing Yards	229	309
Total Yards	264	396
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kick Returns-Yards	5-105	3-66
Interceptions-Yards-TDs	0-0	1-45
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Punts-Average	6-40.2	2-30.0
Penalties-Yards	7-50	5-46
Third Down Conv.	2-10	6-12
Fourth Down Conv.	0-0	1-3
Sacks By-Yards	2-12	7-41
Possession Time	25:13	34:47

Rushing

PITT — McCoy 17-82, 2 TDs; McGee 1-(-5); Stull 8-(-42).

UC — Pike 9-33; Goebel 11-29; Ramsey 18-25, 1 TD.

Passing

PITT — Stull 18-28-1, 229 yards, 1 TD; Team 0-1-0, 0 yards.

UC — Pike 26-32-0, 309 yards, 3 TD.

Receiving

PITT — McCoy 6-45; McGee 3-36; Porter 3-34; Dickerson 1-41, 1 TD; Baldwin 1-22; Turner 1-21; Collins 1-12; Byham 1-12; Kinder 1-6.

UC — Gilyard 8-110, 1 TD; Goodman 7-101, 1 TD; Barnett 3-43, 1 TD; Ramsey 3-19; Guidugli 2-8; Woods 1-13; Goebel 1-9; Alli 1-6.

2009 PITT FOOTBALL

2008 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME 11: PITT 19, WEST VIRGINIA 15

Nov. 28, 2008 • Heinz Field • 63,019

GAME NOTES: Pitt rallied from a 15-7 deficit with two TDs in the final eight minutes to win the 101st Backyard Brawl...it was Pitt's (8-3, 4-2) fifth victory when facing a fourth-quarter deficit this year...LeSean McCoy rushed for a career-high 183 yards...his two TDs gave him 35 for his career, eclipsing WR Larry Fitzgerald's previous Pitt record for TDs as a freshman and sophomore (34)...Jovani Chappel's INT sparked the rally, putting Pitt at the WVU 16 with 8:39 left...McCoy scored a five-yard TD two plays later to pull Pitt within 15-13...his one-yard TD with 52 seconds left gave Pitt the lead for good...Dom DeCicco also had an interception...Pitt defeated West Virginia (7-4, 4-2) for the second consecutive year...the Panthers limited WVU to one offensive touchdown for the second straight game...Pitt won eight games for the first time since 2004.

WVU	0	3	9	3	15
PITT	7	0	0	12	19

First Quarter

PITT — Kinder 30-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 12:50

Second Quarter

WVU — McAfee 20-yard field goal 4:27

Third Quarter

WVU — McAfee 26-yard field goal 9:42

WVU — White 54-yard run (Connolly rush failed) 6:05

Fourth Quarter

WVU — McAfee 40-yard field goal 11:53

PITT — McCoy 5-yard run (Stull rush failed) 8:07

PITT — McCoy 1-yard run (Stull pass failed) 0:52

Team Stats	WVU	PITT
First Downs	13	23
Rushes-Yards	32-157	44-190
Comp-Att-Int	15-28-2	12-23-2
Passing Yards	143	156
Total Yards	300	346
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	3-22
Kick Returns-Yards	4-78	5-117
Interceptions-Yards	2-11	2-14
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Punts-Average	5-47.6	4-39.0
Penalties-Yards	5-56	5-40
Third Down Conv.	3-14	3-9
Fourth Down Conv.	1-2	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	2-13	0-0
Possession Time	28:11	31:49

Rushing

WVU — White 12-93, 1 TD; Sanders 4-37; Devine 12-17; Rodgers 3-11; Team 1-(-1).

PITT — McCoy 33-183, 2 TD; Collins 3-17; Stephens-Howling 5-6; Wright 1-(-3); Stull 2-(-13).

Passing

WVU — White 15-28-2, 143 yards.

PITT — Stull 12-23-2, 156 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving

WVU — Starks 4-38; Arnett 3-36; Devine 3-6; Sanders 2-14; Jalloh 1-21; Kovatch 1-19; Lyons 1-9.

PITT — Byham 4-69; Porter 2-20; McCoy 2-17; Kinder 1-30, 1 TD; Turner 1-12; Baldwin 1-4; Stephens-Howling 1-4.

GAME 12: #23/23 PITT 34; CONNECTICUT 10

Dec. 6, 2008 • Rentschler Field • 39,535

GAME NOTES: Pitt clinched a berth in the Brut Sun Bowl with a 34-10 rout at Connecticut...a 24-point third quarter proved decisive in the result...it was Pitt's first win at UConn's Rentschler Field in three tries...Pitt improved to 9-3 (5-2 Big East), its first nine-win regular season since 1982...the nine wins were Pitt's most overall since 2002...the Panthers had five interceptions, including two by LB Greg Williams, who completed the scoring with a 20-yard TD return...the five picks were Pitt's most in a game since 2002...UConn completed only six passes on the day...Conor Lee kicked two field goals, giving him a single-season Pitt record 20, eclipsing Carson Long's mark of 18 set in 1976....the win snapped a two-game series losing streak to Connecticut (7-5, 3-4)...the Sun Bowl invite was made in the Panthers' locker room following the game, marking their first bowl berth since the 2004 Fiesta Bowl season.

PITT	0	3	24	7	34
UCONN	0	3	7	0	10

First Quarter

No scoring

Second Quarter

PITT — Lee 21-yard field goal 11:35

UCONN — Teggart 45-yard field goal 5:30

Third Quarter

PITT — McCoy 47-yard run (Lee kick) 9:52

PITT — Lee 21-yard field goal 6:24

UCONN — Brown 57-yard run 4:29

PITT — Kinder 61-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 4:11

PITT — Byham 28-yard pass from Stull (Lee kick) 0:08

Fourth Quarter

PITT — Greg Williams 20-yard interception return (Lee kick) 6:46

Team Stats	PITT	UCONN
First Downs	9	16
Rushes-Yards	34-87	44-225
Comp-Att-Int	10-19-1	6-31-5
Passing Yards	141	80
Total Yards	228	305
Punt Returns-Yards	3-45	2-0
Kick Returns-Yards	3-53	7-109
Interceptions-Yards-TDs	5-116	1-27
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Punts-Average	7-36.4	7-31.9
Penalties-Yards	5-39	3-20
Third Down Conv.	3-13	4-19
Fourth Down Conv.	0-0	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	1-1	0-0
Possession Time	27:32	32:28

Rushing

PITT — McCoy 24-95, 1 TD; Harris 6-12; Collins 1-(-3); Stull 3-(-17).

UCONN — Brown 34-189, 1 TD; Lorenzen 5-18; Todman 3-14; Frey 1-5; Frazer 1-(-1).

Passing

PITT — Stull 10-18-1, 141 yards, 2 TD; McCoy 0-1-0.

UCONN — Lorenzen 6-27-2, 80 yards; Frazer 0-4-3, 0 yards.

Receiving

PITT — Kinder 4-87, 1 TD; McCoy 3-3; Byham 1-28, 1 TD; Baldwin 1-18; Porter 1-5.

UCONN — Easley 2-52; Moore 2-9; Hernandez 1-15; Sherman 1-4.

2009 PITT FOOTBALL

2008 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME 13: #24/25 OREGON ST. 3 #18/21 PITT 0

Dec. 31, 2008 • Sun Bowl Stadium • 49,037

GAME NOTES: Making its first bowl appearance since the 2004 season, Pitt failed to take advantage of a masterful defensive performance, falling to Oregon State, 3-0, in the Sun Bowl...the Panthers (9-4) held the Beavers to 273 yards and forced three turnovers...unfortunately Pitt's offense was also bottled up, managing only 178 yards and never penetrating Oregon State's 36-yard line...the Panthers appeared poised to pull out another fourth-quarter comeback when T.J. Porter returned a punt 36 yards to the OSU 42 with 12:39 left in the game...a sack and forced fumble by the Beavers' Victor Butler, however, ended the threat...Pitt's final scoring opportunity came with 2:02 remaining when Conor Lee attempted a 57-yard field goal, but the kick fell just short of the crossbar...linebackers Scott McKillop and Austin Ransom led Pitt with 11 tackles each...McKillop also had an interception in the end zone to end the first half...Greg Romeus was named the Jimmy Rogers Jr. Most Valuable Lineman after collecting four tackles and two sacks...Oregon State (9-4) placekicker Justin Kahut accounted for the lone points of the day on a 44-yard field goal with 2:18 left in the second quarter...it was the lowest scoring bowl game since 1959, a 0-0 tie between Air Force and TCU in the Cotton Bowl.

OREGON STATE	0	3	0	0	3
PITT	0	0	0	0	0

First Quarter

No scoring

Second Quarter

OSU — Kahut 44-yard field goal 2:18

Third Quarter

No scoring

Fourth Quarter

No scoring

Team Stats	OSU	PITT
First Downs	15	10
Rushes-Yards	30-80	37-89
Comp-Att-Int	21-43-2	9-28-1
Passing Yards	193	89
Total Yards	273	178
Punt Returns-Yards	3-9	6-86
Kick Returns-Yards	0-0	2-36
Interceptions-Yards-TDs	1-0	2-14
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Punts-Average	10-45.0	10-42.9
Penalties-Yards	7-48	2-15
Third Down Conv.	3-17	2-15
Fourth Down Conv.	1-1	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	5-23	5-46
Possession Time	30:50	29:10

Rushing

OSU — Francis 15-76; McCants 6-23; Stroughter 2-19; Catchings 1-(-2); Moevao 6-(-36).

PITT — McCoy 24-85; Stephens-Howling 7-29; Team 1-(-2), Bostick 2-(-9); Stull 3-(-14).

Passing

OSU — Moevao 21-42-2, 193 yards; Stroughter 0-1-0, 0 yards.

PITT — Stull 7-24-1, 52 yards; Bostick 2-3-0, 37 yards; Team 0-1-0, 0 yards.

Receiving

OSU — Stroughter 6-88; Morales 5-79; Johnson 3-21; Francis 3-(-6); McCants 2-6; Reese 1-3; Camp 1-2.

PITT — Dickerson 2-37; Byham 2-10; Kinder 1-12; McGee 1-11; Stephens-Howling 1-8; McCoy 1-6; Porter 1-5.

Coming off its most successful campaign in six years, the Panthers are considered a program on the rise.

Fourteen starters and 51 total lettermen return from a team that achieved a 9-3 regular season and second-place finish in the Big East. The Panthers are already being touted as a team to watch in 2009.

"Early Bird" Top 25 Listings [as of February 2009]

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"The defensive line will be the best of the Dave Wannstedt era. On the outside, juniors-to-be Jabaal Sheard and Greg Romeus formed a dynamite bookend in 2008..."

CFN's Richard Cirminiello

No. 25: SportsIllustrated.com

"The mostly veteran Panthers should field another top-notch defense..."

SI.com's Stewart Mandel

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Dave Wannstedt**





September 5 | YOUNGSTOWN STATE

September 12 | at BUFFALO

September 19 | NAVY

September 26 | at NORTH CAROLINA STATE

October 2 | at LOUISVILLE *

October 10 | CONNECTICUT *

October 16 | at RUTGERS *

October 24 | USF *

November 7 | SYRACUSE *

November 14 | NOTRE DAME

November 27 | at WEST VIRGINIA *

December 5 | CINCINNATI *

* - denotes Big East game

